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Young sergeant takes over

Liberian president murdered in coup

MONROVIA, April 12 (Agencies) — President William Tolbert was assassinated in a military coup Saturday and a 28-year-old sergeant took over as head of state, Radio Liberia announced.

Sergeant Samuel K. Doe, who led a group of non-commissioned officers calling themselves the People's Redemption Council immediately ordered a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

He ordered immigration officials to arrest government officials trying to escape from the country, Africa's oldest republic.

A doctor at the presidential palace told reporters that Tolbert, 66, was hit three times in the head when rebels broke into the palace at 1 a.m.

It was the first such overthrow in the 133-year history of the country, one of the West's closest allies in Africa.

Liberia's 19th president, Tolbert was a key figure on the continent as current president of the Organization of African Unity.

An employee of Liberia's economics ministry said in a telephone call to a Liberian citizen working in West Germany that Tolbert's wife, Victoria, is under arrest, Liberian sources said in Bonn.

The Liberian broadcast, monitored in the neighboring Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan, identified the leader of the coup as "Staff Sergeant Matthew Do" of the country's national guard.

Little information was immediately available about Do, who said in the broadcast that he was taking control of the government "to eliminate corruption," according to the U.S. State Department.

A Liberian Embassy spokesman in London said: "We have never heard of him before. Nobody knows anything about him." Immediately after Do made the announcement, the radio went dead and there have been no further broadcasts, the spokesman said.

All members of the Liberian opposition party who had been jailed by Tolbert were freed in the coup, sources in Bonn said.

Details of the coup were sketchy. But the overthrow apparently began early Saturday when gunfire and fighting erupted

Egypt denies bid on Sadat's life

CAIRO, April 12 (AP) — A high ranking government official Saturday categorically denied as "baseless" reports that President Anwar Sadat's plane was rerouted from a refueling stop in the Azores Islands because of an alleged plot to assassinate him.

"The Egyptian leader's flight schedule, from Cairo to Washington, called for a refueling stop in Mildenhall Air Base, a British field north of London, the official who is close to Sadat said, "reports to the contrary are categorically false."

Sources in the administration of U.S. president Jimmy Carter claimed Friday that Sadat's presidential plane, a Boeing 707, was diverted from the Portuguese-owned Lajes Airfield to Mildenhall because of a report that a Libyan assassination squad, equipped with missiles, was waiting for Sadat's plane.

The existence of the report was confirmed by U.S. intelligence sources and intelligence sources from an unspecified Mideast nation, but none could confirm whether the plot report was genuine or planted.

The government official, who declined to be named also denied reports that word of a possible plot had been passed on to Sadat and that consequently his plane was diverted as a precaution.

The Egyptian leader left Cairo Monday for two days of talks with Carter in a bid to break the deadlock in the Mideast peace talks with Israel.

He returned Friday on his plane and was accompanied on the trip to and from Washington by his wife, two of his daughters, his son, and presidential aides and government officials.



President William Tolbert

outside the presidential mansion at 3 a.m., according to reports from Washington, Johannesburg and Bonn.

"At about 6:30 a.m., there was a radio broadcast by someone identifying himself as Master Sgt. Samuel Doe, who said he was taking control of the government to eliminate corruption," said the U.S. State Department, which maintains an embassy in Monrovia.

But the broadcast monitored in Abidjan said the coup leader called himself "Matthew Do." It was not known which is correct.

Monrovia residents have been advised to stay indoors because of shooting continuing in the streets, Western sources report.

"Firing is still heard and there are some reports that counter coup efforts are being organized," U.S. spokesman Sawoski said.

The Liberian army is responsible for guarding Tolbert's presidential mansion. But many of Tolbert's personal bodyguards stationed inside the building are natives of neighboring Guinea.

The coup came nearly a year to the day after major riots rocked the tiny country in 1979 and sparked creation of Liberia's first opposition party, the Progressive Alliance of Liberia (PAL).

This year a second party was formed, the Progressive People's Party (PPP), which wants to turn Liberia into a socialist state.

It is the first opposition to Liberia's long-time system of a one-party democracy governing its 1.7 million population.

The country was founded in 1847 by freed American slaves under the auspices of the U.S. Colonization Society. It had been among the most stable in Africa, never having a revolution or coup.

But Tolbert's conservative and pro-Western True Whig party and its monopoly on both the government and Liberia's rich diamond and iron ore industries have grown increasingly unpopular.

Tolbert's family controls several major business enterprises and his sister-in-law, Carmine Pierre, runs Liberia's largest corporation, the \$150 million Montserrado firm.

Yet a large part of the people, especially inland tribes with links to the U.S. founders, still live at subsistence level and observers see it as a struggle between haves and have-nots.

U.S. prepared to resume ties with Iraq, Newsom says

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 12 — Termining American relations with Arabian Gulf states "a central preoccupation of American foreign policy Undersecretary of State David D. Newsom announced Friday the United States is "prepared to resume diplomatic relations with Iraq at any time."

Newsom's statement, made before a university symposium on American relations with Gulf nations, is the most overt public invitation the White House has made for Iraq to resume diplomatic ties broken after the 1967 Middle East war.

Noting that Iraq is the only Arab nation that broke ties with the U.S. at the time and didn't resume them, Newsom said: "With the growing role of our country in the area, we feel it is important to have normal relations with every country."

Also in his luncheon address at Georgetown University, the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs reassured Middle East nations that the United States is not bolstering its military presence in the region "to intervene in the affairs of the states of the region."

Instead, Newsom called increased U.S. naval presence in the western Indian Ocean area a "prudent deterrent against any efforts to interfere with the independence of the states of the region or restrict the free access of others to this vital region."

While the top-level state department official noted that the states in the region have a "strong and instant negative reaction" to any suggestion of outside intervention, he said Gulf leaders do not object to the forces being "over the horizon."

The undersecretary also sought to allay a

Khaled meets UAE minister

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — King Khaled Saturday held talks with Mana Said Al-Oteiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, who gave the King a message from UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan.

The official Emirates News Agency earlier quoted Oteiba as saying the meeting was to discuss developments in the world oil market and a meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The meeting will take place in Saudi Arabia May 7 and will deal mainly with long-term OPEC strategy.

The Saturday meeting also was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Interior Minister Prince Naif, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources.

Yamani and other oil ministry officials earlier in the day met Oteiba at the airport in Riyadh.

perception of some analysts that in its strategic planning for the area, the U.S. treats the oil resources in the Gulf as "ours."

"They belong to the independent states of the area," Newsom strongly emphasized to his luncheon audience.

While Newsom's speech followed the administration's stand on negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization, he did conclude that the "issue of the Palestinians is at the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

He also called success in ongoing autonomy negotiations between Egypt and Israel "essential" and added, "We are deeply conscious of the fact that the Palestinians must ultimately speak and negotiate for themselves."

However, the undersecretary dismissed the theory that the U.S. can exert leverage on Israel to change its policies in the occupied Arab territories.

"No nation, however strong, can pressure another, sensitive to its security, into making politically unacceptable sacrifices," he stated.

Moving to the topic of U.S. relations with Iran, Newsom said the "United States accepts the Iranian revolution and Iran's desire to bring its grievances to the attention of the world."

Newsom also indicated the U.S. could resume normal relations with Iran once it "lives up to its fundamental responsibilities for the safety, well-being and release of the hostages."

Also in his luncheon address, Newsom traced U.S. political relations with the Gulf states and how the economic importance of the area to the Western world and Japan has grown since the discovery of oil.

Holland condemns film screening

Craig returns to heal discord

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 12 — British Ambassador to the Kingdom James Craig refused to speak with *Arab News* Saturday regarding the brewing diplomatic row over a television film recently screened in London that smears Saudi Arabia.

The ambassador's secretary said he was too busy to discuss the issue and that it would be more important for the embassy to discuss the matter with Britain's national press than with the local media, who could get information from the embassy's information office.

The information officer said the ambassador cancelled his leave and rushed back to the Kingdom to deal with the situation. He added that the information office would present a prepared statement whenever the ambassador was ready to give it, but he wouldn't give any personal interviews to defend Britain's position.

In Riyadh, Holland Saturday expressed regret over the program carried out against Saudi Arabia and Islam.

Mrs. Nelie Smit Kroes, the Netherlands' minister of communications, told the Saudi Press Agency she received a phone call from the Dutch prime minister saying his government and he personally regretted such a stand.

The official who arrived in Riyadh, earlier in the day said her government will do all that it can to prevent such a program from being broadcast in the Netherlands.

In the meantime, the Council for the Improvement of Arab-British Understanding will embark on a drive this week to reply to the campaign against the Arabs and Islam, a spokesman for the Council has told *Arab News*.

The Council comprises such prominent personalities as Sir Harold Bailey, Lord Canynow, Anthony Nothing, Christopher Maynew and Michael Adams.

The spokesman said the projection of the film might be so detrimental to rela-



Ambassador James Craig

tions between Britain and Saudi Arabia that it might take years of relentless efforts to remove the consequences.

At the same time, members of the Saudi-British Friendship Association, which groups prominent M.P.s who face pro-Israeli M.P.s, who will put questions to the House of Commons about the reason why the government officially apologized to Saudi Arabia.

Arab News learned that as a form of silent protest, no official will go to Britain to show the Kingdom's discontent for the injury to its values and morals.

Sheikh Nasser Al-Manqoor, the new Saudi Ambassador to Britain, is not expected to present his letters of credentials before the issue has been settled.

The Foreign Ministry Friday said, "The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia fully realizes the importance of free speech and the traditions of expression in the United Kingdom, and has no intention or aim to intervene in these matters."

"However, the program offended and belittled Islam and its code of law and hurt the feelings of 600 million people, who

pride themselves on belonging to it. Besides, it was a cheap attack on the ideals, values and traditions of the Kingdom, which is the heart of the Islamic world."

In addition, the film was an ill-concealed attempt to distort facts through sensationalism and fabrication depriving the film of any objectivity and any basis of truth, the statement added.

"On the contrary, the film is a malicious attack and makes grave charges and accusations and unjustifiably militates against the dignity of a number of citizens including some of the prominent personalities of the Kingdom."

The statement further said that on these bases, the program has fallen to the lowest standards and departed as far as possible from the standards of truth and fair play that have been advocated by the media in the United Kingdom for so long.

"We have no doubt that the program, which has earned no credit to its producers will not help to promote friendly and amicable relations and mutual interests between the two countries. It is truly regrettable that a British television company should resort to showing such films, which offend a friendly country," the statement added.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian embassy in London received scores of phone calls and cables, mostly from Britons, denouncing the broadcasting by the ITV film last Wednesday.

Egyptians also contacted the embassy to express their dismay, vis-a-vis their country's authorities, who allowed Egyptian actors to take part in the film, part of which was shot in Egypt. They also expressed regret that Egypt, which is an Arab and Islamic country, should participate in a film that is so humiliating to all Muslims.

Saudi Arabian officials in Riyadh refused to make any comment on the issue, except to re-state Friday's Foreign Ministry communique.

To break stalemate

Egypt, Israel plan marathon Palestine talks

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 12 — The long-awaited "Camp David Two" — a summit in which President Jimmy Carter, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin would grapple with the thorny Palestinian question — will finally take place sometime next month if the upcoming autonomy negotiations in Washington fail to achieve a breakthrough, U.S. and Egyptian sources said.

The Egyptian and Israeli negotiating teams are due here later this month to begin a marathon round of bargaining in an attempt to break the stalemate on the Palestinian autonomy question before the May 26 deadline.

The Washington talks could continue for weeks, source said. If no agreement is in sight as the deadline approaches, Carter is expected to invite Sadat and Begin to return to the American capital once again for a final three-way effort to settle their differences on autonomy, according to the sources.

The Egyptian and Israeli leaders may return here next month even if the Blair House talks bear fruit, the sources said, since Carter is reported to want the two men to take part in a "celebration" if a breakthrough is achieved.

The moving of the negotiation site to Washington signals a decision by Carter to have the U.S. play a leading active role in the final month of bargaining, according to Egypt's Foreign Minister Butros Ghali.

The U.S. has no choice but to assume the role of "active partner" rather than mediator at this stage, Ghali told *Arab News* — *As-Sayid* before leaving for home with Sadat Thursday.

Meanwhile, Israel is unhappy about shifting the autonomy talks to Washington, diplomatic sources said.

The Begin government believes the shift will enable the U.S. to dominate the negotiations, since President Carter will be able to maintain steady contact with his negotiators as they work at Blair House, across the street from the White House.

The Israelis are also said to believe that Carter wants the negotiations to take place here so as to provide him with a "showcase" to bolster his public standing in the current presidential election campaign.

The Egyptian negotiating team will arrive here the week of April 21. Ghali, who will participate in the talks, will arrive April 25.

Speaking to *Arab News* — *As-Sayid* Al-Awsat Ghali said his country's negotiators would stay here "as long as the negotiations require."

Egypt's position in the upcoming talks is "almost identical to that of the United States," the foreign minister said.

Ghali said he believed, as a result of his conversations here this past week, that the Americans — both officials and the general public — were coming to understand the Palestinians more and more as time goes on.

He criticized Begin as "foolish" for agreeing to come here next week for his summit with Carter carrying a "limited mandate" from his cabinet to discuss only a narrow range of issues.

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By Federation of Gulf Chambers Reinsurance fund encouraged

By Scott Pendleton

DAMMAM, April 12 — The Federation of Gulf Chambers has decided to encourage and support a suggestion by Arabian Gulf insurance companies to set up a fund for reinsurance. The companies proposed the fund in Abu Dhabi last month as a response to the ware rates levied on Gulf shipping by Lloyd's of London, and the FGC backed the proposal at its meeting in Bahrain April 3.

Representatives of the Gulf Chambers also approved the FGC's bylaws and employee regulations, revenues and estimated expenditures for 1980, but they deferred a decision on enforcing arbitrations. The representatives also postponed forming subcommittees for economic affairs, labor and arbitration until an administrative staff can be hired.

Presently, Khazen Al-Mhaidi, the secretary-general, is the only employee of the six-month-old FGC. Eventually, the organization will have 14 staff members, Mhaidi said, though hiring them will be a gradual process. The immediate need is for statistics

and research personnel, he said, most likely to be recruited from Bahrain or Iraq.

The FGC's budget of SR900,000 is earmarked for rent and furnishing of the organization's headquarters in Dammam and for staff salaries. Since expenditures are estimated to exceed SR 1 million, the seven-member-countries voted to contribute equally to make up the deficit. Each country normally contributes SR 50,000 to the operation of the FGC. In addition, the members have given the organization a total of SR 550,000 in grants.

The FGC postponed a decision on how to enforce arbitrations among member countries pending further study. Some countries, like Iraq, don't ordinarily submit to foreign judgments.

Though just getting underway as a private sector effort, members hope their governments will follow the lead. Eventually, they hope to see one currency, one stock exchange and coordination of industries — a common market, Mhaidi said.

UNICEF discussed

Prince meets with Waldheim

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, U.N. assistant secretary general for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) met here with Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim Friday.

Following the meeting, he told a press conference that he discussed possible ways of cooperation between the UNICEF and other U.N. agencies having a link with this body.

Prince Talal said Dr. Waldheim expressed his admiration of Saudi Arabia's role in the world body. He said he told Waldheim that the Kingdom was in the forefront of the nations giving aid to the United Nations. Saudi Arabia allocated five per cent of its

revenue for the assistance of emerging nations, he added.

In regard to his new post, the prince said Dr. Waldheim has asked him to extend assistance to a number of U.N. agencies. He said he will go to Pakistan this month to begin a tour of several countries.

Prince Talal said that the Palestinian children will receive special care by UNICEF within its human activity.

On the other hand, UNICEF's Executive Director James Grant said he was happy with Prince Talal's appointment to the U.N. post. He also praised Saudi Arabia's role toward the world organization.

Sultan to tour military bases

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan left Riyadh Saturday for the Eastern Province on an inspection visit to military installations in the region. Prince Sultan will attend the graduation Sunday of two groups from the Technical Institute of Dhahran.

He said before his departure that his visit is a continuation of royal instruction for regular meetings between officials in various sectors.

SR 2.5m spent on mosques

DAMMAM, April 12 (SPA) — Six mosques have been built at a cost of over SR 2.5 million for the Department of Endowments of the Eastern Province, it was stated here Saturday.

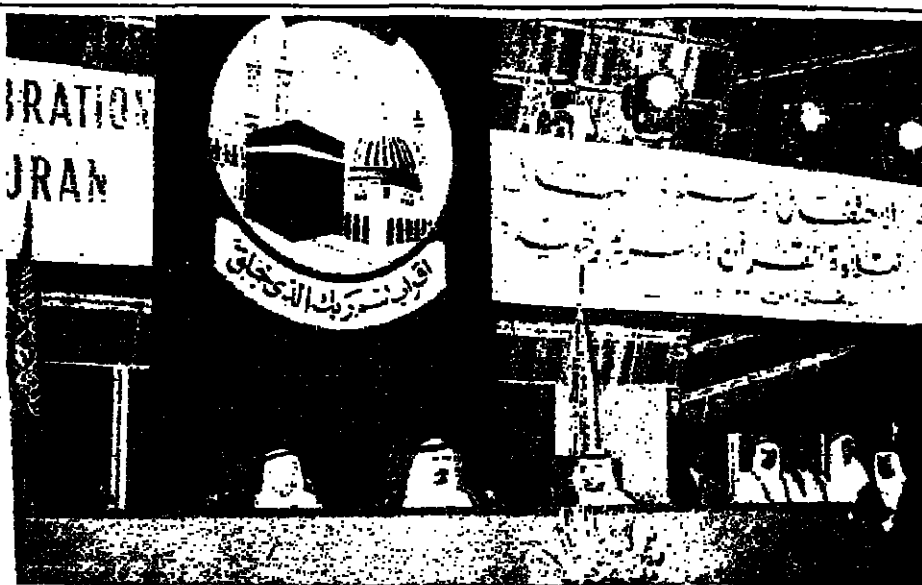
Regional Endowments Director Seif Ibrahim Al-Seif said the mosques were in

Prince Sultan said the officials in the Ministry of Defense and Aviation are careful to put the instructions into action and make meetings between the commandments of regions for consultations.

Prince Sultan was seen off by Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant to the minister of defense and aviation; Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad, chief of staff; and other senior officers.

Doghaniyah, Raziqah, Rifah and Souk in Ahssa and Al-Souk Mosque in Jubail and Al-Amoudi mosque in Dammam.

Seif said his department has handed over the sites of two mosques in Qaisoumah and Rafha to two native companies, to be constructed at a cost of nearly SR 570,000.



CONTEST: Governor of Mecca Prince Majed inaugurating the second annual Koran reading competition.

Prince Majed represents King Khaled Koran reading contest begins

MECCA, April 12 (SPA) — Representing King Khaled, the Governor of Mecca Prince Majed opened the annual Koran reading contest here Saturday. The governor read a speech on behalf of the King, who said that the problem of Muslims today is their unwillingness to carry out the tenets of Islamic Sharia.

He also called for a strict adherence to Islamic principles and teachings.

The King said he was proud and pleased to witness the function of recitation of the Koran held here yearly — where the Koran was inspired.

Since Muhammad was the last prophet to carry God's message, we should not expect any new communication between heaven and earth, he said. The Koran was revealed to Muhammad and it was left behind with him to guide humanity along the path of wisdom and happiness, the King added.

"We in the Kingdom, King, government and people believe in the application of Sharia as a belief, method and ways of conduct," he said while urging the reading of the Koran as one of the best ways of worship and methods of getting close to God.

Deadline set for phone project

AHSA, April 12 (SPA) — Work on nearly 40,000 main telephone lines and 80,000 subsidiary lines is expected to be completed by the regional Automatic Telephones Department after 18 months from now, it was announced here Saturday.

Regional Director Abdul Aziz Al-Fozan, also stated that Ahssa town has been divided into five working regions to facilitate speedy

Qasim health needs discussed

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — Governor of Qasim Prince Abdul Ilah ibn Abdul Aziz Fri-

He hoped the contest will help deepen the appreciation of the holy book in the hearts and minds of the people because it is not only a book of knowledge, but also a way of life and conducive to individual and social well-being.

The Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasei said holding the function here had many meanings of love and virtue.

The General Secretary of the Muslim World's League Ali Mokhtar said it is a blessing that the government of this country adopted the Koran and the Prophet's sayings as a guide in all its conduct. It based its internal and external policies on the book.

The league has printed and distributed three million copies of the Holy Koran in various languages and plans to distribute five million more in Indonesia.

At this year's contest 42 countries and 58 societies are taking part. The judges are drawn from five countries.

Prizes range from SR30,000 to SR10,000 with SR1500 to be given to each contestant. Next year the prizes will be increased.

implementation of the project. The new 9,000-line capacity telephone exchange will be completed after 12 months, he added.

Fozan said new cables have recently been laid in a number of rural areas of Ahssa, while 22 hookups have been provided for workers at a number of roads and localities in Hofuf and Mabraz towns. In addition, another 20 lines will be provided in different areas in the near future, he added.

day discussed with Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazayeri the area's health requirements.

Cultural seminar to be held

HAIL, April 12 (SPA) — The fourth cultural seminar on society's participation in growth and development will be organized by the regional Youth Welfare office at the scouts camp in Beqaa next Thursday.

The seminar, which is part of Youth Welfare's cultural activity of the season, will be attended by Prince Muqrin, governor of Hail

district; Sheikh Nasser ibn Abdullah ibn Al-Sheikh, deputy governor; Dr. Suhair Al-Sibai, professor at the College of Medicine, Riyadh University and Khaled Al-Malek, editor-in-chief of Al-Jadid newspaper.

The seminar will be conducted by Muhammad Al-Shalan, chief announcer of Riyadh Radio.

Tunis mayor tours Jeddah

JEDDAH, April 12 (SPA) — The mayor of Tunis, Dr. Saleh Awij, and his delegation toured the city of Jeddah Saturday. Visiting the Planning and Construction Bureau, and the Department for Planning and Developing the City of Jeddah during which they were

briefed on the chief planning and executive plans for Jeddah.

Dr. Awij visit also walked through the Jeddah Corniche and the Jeddah Al-Jadida area.

Saudi Comment

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al Medina

The Western press recoils in horror when Saudi Arabia exercises its natural and legal right in dealing with anyone showing recklessness to its prevailing norms and traditions. The Western press goes even further to protest against the enforcement of the laws as if it is only their right to make the rules and others' obligation to follow them.

The British press, for instance, made a clamor up on hearing that a reckless British woman will face the Kingdom's laws for serving liquor to her visitors. This woman, whose action resulted in the deaths of an expatriate man and woman from intoxication, had known that liquor is prohibited in this country.

In this matter, the woman is just like all other foreigners who get a full background of

the legal and social systems in the country before they come here. Therefore, any conduct flouting the general norms is liable to deterrent punishment. We don't think even Britain will show any laxity in awarding punishment to anyone violating the Kingdom's laws.

Our country's constitution is specific and clear-cut in regard to anyone who transgresses the Islamic laws drawn from the Holy Koran and the Prophetic Traditions. It cannot afford to permit the independent judgements of secular-minded people, as is the case with objective laws in a number of countries.

Any country of the world, big or small, would like the alien residents to respect the local rules and regulations. Anyone showing a grain of revolt against the rules certainly will be answerable before the law, and only a color blind will consider such a person unjustly treated.

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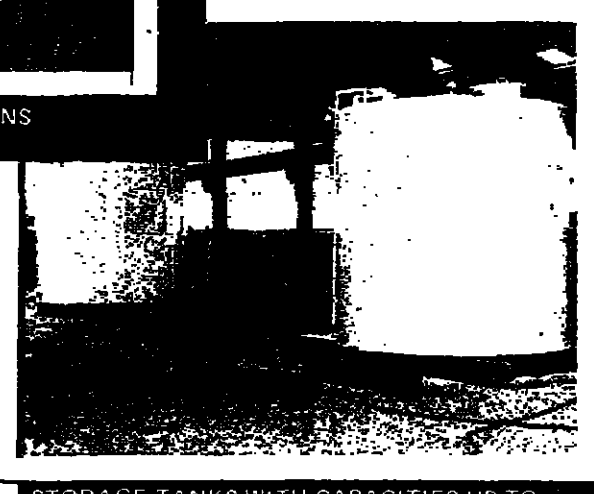
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Dutch minister to discuss phone expansion program

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 12 — The Dutch Minister of State for Telecommunications, Mrs. Nelie Smit-Kroes, continued her round of interviews and visits since her arrival here Friday evening.

She met with Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of Posts, Telephones and Telegraph, who invited her to the Kingdom.

Dr. Kayyal visited Holland two years ago to sign an agreement with Dutch companies for a telephone expansion program in the Kingdom.

Their Friday meeting, also attended by Deputy Minister Faisal Zaidan, dealt with cooperation and the possibility of seeking Dutch expertise in this field.

The contract stemming from the agreement was awarded to Philips, which went into a joint venture with L.M. Ericsson of Sweden and Bell Canada. The project, which so far has covered 60 cities and villages, will extend to another 75 cities and villages in the near future. It will eventually cost SR11 billion.

Kayyal expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the project and thanked the companies engaged in carrying it out.

Mrs. Smit-Kroes also called on Deputy Minister of Defense for Civil Aviation Sheikh Kamel Sindi. She also was due to visit Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and Dr. Fayez Badr, director-general of the Saudi Ports Authority. Her program includes visits to Abha, the Saudi Telephone Data Center, Khurais Telephone Center and meetings with the Dutch business community in Riyadh.

Bell Canada's role in the joint venture is supplemented by the Kingdom open a telephone computer center in Riyadh. The center began operations in late January.

Canada Bell also is building a business and residential complex at the same site for the ministry as well as similar compounds in seven major cities in the Kingdom.

The goal of both the Canada Bell and the Dutch joint ventures, according to ministry officials, is to create more efficiency in operations and utility design.

Of seven new Saudi Telephone systems, three now are operating and four are ready for operation following procedural testing.

By the end of 1979, nearly 238,600 telephones had been installed in Saudi Arabia — 118,862 of which were installed in the first 18 months of Saudi Telephone's existence.

In December 1979 alone, nearly 8,000 telephones went into service in the Kingdom, and 15,000 lines were added to the entire system. Saudi Telephone also recently installed its 1,000th coin-operated telephone.

In a February report, Saudi Telephone said telephone repair service had been improved to the point that 76 per cent of all reported troubles were corrected within 24 hours, and 28 per cent were cleared within seven days.

Saudi Telephone's vehicle fleet totaled 2,610 by the end of 1979, and 6,475 Saudi nationals were employed by the company.

Also in February, Saudi Telephone introduced a new directory inquiry service. Now customers using the service are able to obtain telephone numbers free of charge from directory inquiry operators in Riyadh, Taif and Dammam.

The service is obtained when the caller dials the zone code of the location for which a number is needed. The caller then dials 905, which connects him with directory inquiry. For areas with three-digit codes, the caller need dial only the first two digits of the zone code, followed by 905. The zone codes are available through Saudi Telephone operators.

In March, more than 300 solar-powered emergency telephone booths began operating on the Kingdom's highways. The telephones now make it possible for motorists to obtain police, traffic and fire rescue services at short notice.

Another solar telephone program was initiated recently, linking Sudan with the Kingdom by means of a microwave transmitter. The project will provide 900 telephone lines between Saudi Arabia and Africa, as well as telex, cable, radio and television connections.

In the case of a breakdown in the solar-operated system, the system is backed by a diesel-powered engine. Should the instance arise in which both the diesel and solar systems break down, batteries storing three day's worth of electricity will cut in to provide power for the transmitter.

Qasim governor meets Jazairi

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — Governor of Qasim Prince Abdul Illah met Saturday with Dr. Hussain Al-Jazairi, minister of health. They discussed health service needs of the

Oasis region. Prince Abdul Illah has met with a number of ministers for talks on the requirements of Qasim for services and basic needs.

Zia-ul-Haq to open meeting

JEDDAH, April 12 (SPA) — Pakistani President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq Monday will open the Islamic Chamber of Commerce in Karachi.

Sheikh Ismail Abdul Daud, the current president of the new chamber. He said that Saudi Arabia had given SR250,000 to consolidate the chamber which will help foster ties between businessmen of the Islamic world.

The announcement was made Saturday by



WILDERNESS: The visitors center for Assir National Park is being constructed on the escarpment outside of Abha. The facility for Saudi Arabia's first national park will be completed in November, while the park opening is planned for early 1981. The park comprises 450,000 hectares and reports project that 100,000 visitors will tour the area by 1986. Baboons, eagles and vultures run wild in this primitive wilderness in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Faisal chairs function

Football federation to meet

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — Meetings of the Executive Bureau of the Arab Football Federation will begin here Sunday under the chairmanship of Prince Faisal ibn Fahd the president of youth welfare and chairman of the federation. The bureau will discuss various subjects including organizing champion-

ships and training sessions. The bureau will study organizing the Palestine Cup Tournament, and recommendations of the bureau last meetings held in Riyadh in March.

The federation's budget, basic policy and regulations will also be discussed.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, April 12 — Saudi Arabia's largest terrazzo tile factory went into operation in Jeddah Saturday with a capacity of 1000 square meters of tile per day. Owned by the Khayyat company, the factory is fully computerized and uses local raw materials. Technical assistance is provided by Italian and Spanish experts. It is situated in the Industrial Estate.

DHAHRAN, April 12 (SPA) — The U.S. industrial delegation representing the Arab Division of the Arab-U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Industry in California left here Saturday after a few days visit to the Eastern Province. The American delegation met officials of the Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and businessmen in the Eastern Province during its visit. The delegation visited some industrial and educational sites in the region.

JEDDAH, April 12 — Saudia Jeddah District Manager Ali Al-Treifi gives a reception and a dinner Sunday at Al-Badr Sheraton here to honor the company's clients. Invitations were addressed to civil aviation officials, travel agents, a number of client companies, state officials and pressmen.

FAIPEI, April 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabia youth handball national team def-

ated the French handball youth national team 21-11 in a match of the tournament organized by the Chinese Handball Union. Friday, Saudi Arabia, France, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and China are participating in the tournament.

RIYADH, April 12 (SPA) — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water withdrew 530 land plots it had granted to individuals in Hail for agriculture production. The action was taken after the time limit land for development has passed without action by the people concerned. The land will be reassigned to persons with desire and ability for agriculture development.

MEDINA, April 12 (SPA) — The Youth Welfare Bureau in Medina held its annual ceremony for various arts. Friday at the Tayba Secondary School Theater. The ceremony included constructive plays, music, songs and other local arts. It was attended by officials and large number of spectators.

DAMMAM, April 12 (SPA) — King Faisal University of Dammam will hold an open dialogue with Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal on poetry and life, in the lecture hall of the university, Monday. The dialogue is part of the university's cultural activities for this year.

In cleaning city

Farisi stresses cooperation

JEDDAH, April 12 (SPA) — The Municipality of Jeddah and its branch have issued 1365 building permits since the beginning of 1980.

Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi said Sunday that the urban growth of Jeddah has changed much of its features. He also stressed the necessity of public cooperation in cleaning construction sites once the building is completed.

Jeddah Municipality has focused on awareness programs for the public regarding cleanliness in and around the city. Since the building boom began here, construction companies have left trash and building residue lying around in the streets and empty lots — causing scenic eyesores and headaches for the municipality in their cleaning efforts.

As a result, Dr. Hassan Hajra, Deputy Mayor, and the municipality have begun a program to acquire new machinery and hire consultants to help improve cleaning services.

Hajra has said that the program by the Municipality for cleaning Jeddah depends on implementing more mechanized and less manual intensive street cleaning and introduction of new refuse collection system. In addition, the municipality is to be provided with 34-37 solid waste management experts from the U.S. consultant firm Browning Farris of Saudi Arabia Ltd.

The Jeddah Municipality is responsible for collecting and disposing of generated refuse, domestic refuse, trade, industrial and building debris. According to Municipality statistics, the daily quantity of generated refuse is about 5,000 cubic meters — about 750 tons. The organic components of domestic waste accounts for about 60 per cent. The remainder is in the form of metals, dust and miscellaneous objects.

In addition, according to Hajra, the city faces a waste problem of immense proportions as a result of builders depositing trash in vacant lots.

The building boom of the latter 1970s helped to elevate this problem to large proportions. "We would prepare an area for planting trees, and the next day would come only to find the area was filled with trash," Hajra said.

The city has become one of the largest commercial centers in the Middle East. All foreign embassies are in Jeddah. Various industries including oil refining has been developed in the city, Hajra said. He added that city contains all stages of schooling and King Abdul Aziz University. An immense, new airport is under construction and the Jeddah Corniche project on the coast will be

an example of modern Islamic architecture and town planning.

"Inevitably, all this has meant that the city has had to take stock of its waste management resources." In the beginning of 1979, the Municipality's total manpower strength amounted to 7,025. However, since then the manpower has been reduced to 5,092 as a result of applying new mechanized systems of refuse collection, improving management and work performance. Upon the addition of new cleaning systems and equipment, the labor force will range from 2,500 to 3,000 according to a Municipality report.

"The Ministry of Municipality Affairs has authorized the allocation of funds for the expansion and improvement project. We don't really know the cost of the new equipment. Tenders have been issued and when the allocation is issued, for the new fiscal year, we will begin procuring the needed machinery," he added.

The present refuse collection system includes several open dump sites within the city, which are used as refuse transfer points by municipality crews. Families, shops and other businesses put their refuse outside doors or at the side of the street. However, this trash is usually not put in plastic bags or other containers. The trash is collected by laborers, who take the refuse by wheelbarrow to a collection area. The collected refuse is taken away by a rear-loading compaction truck.

The collected refuse is then surface dumped in the southern part of the city. "Exposed burning of refuse is the way the Municipality presently disposes of city refuse, but authorities recognize this must not be allowed to continue. The Municipality faces many problems as a result of these current ineffective practices for refuse collection," Hajra said.

Problems created are that open dump sites with the city are a favorable environment for microbial multiplication. Fermentation occurs as well as anaerobic decomposition and all the usual problems of unsightly wind blown refuse and odor. Exposed burning of the surface dumped refuse also releases nauseating smoke.

PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Fajr	4 3/4	4.46	4.18
Ishraq	6.08	6.00	5.39
Dhuhr	12.29	12.29	11.59
Assr	3.53	3.57	3.26
Maghreb	6.42	6.15	6.15
Isha	8.12	7.45	7.45

WEATHER

Temperatures will rise in the central, eastern and north-eastern regions. The weather will be moderate in other areas.

Winds will be thierly and moderate in the central, eastern and north-eastern regions. They may cause sand haze occasionally. In other areas, winds will be north westerly and moderate.

Seas will be moderate. Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	37	26
Jeddah	32	25
Riyadh	39	24
Dhahran	33	20
Medina	37	27
Taif	31	17
Jizan	35	26
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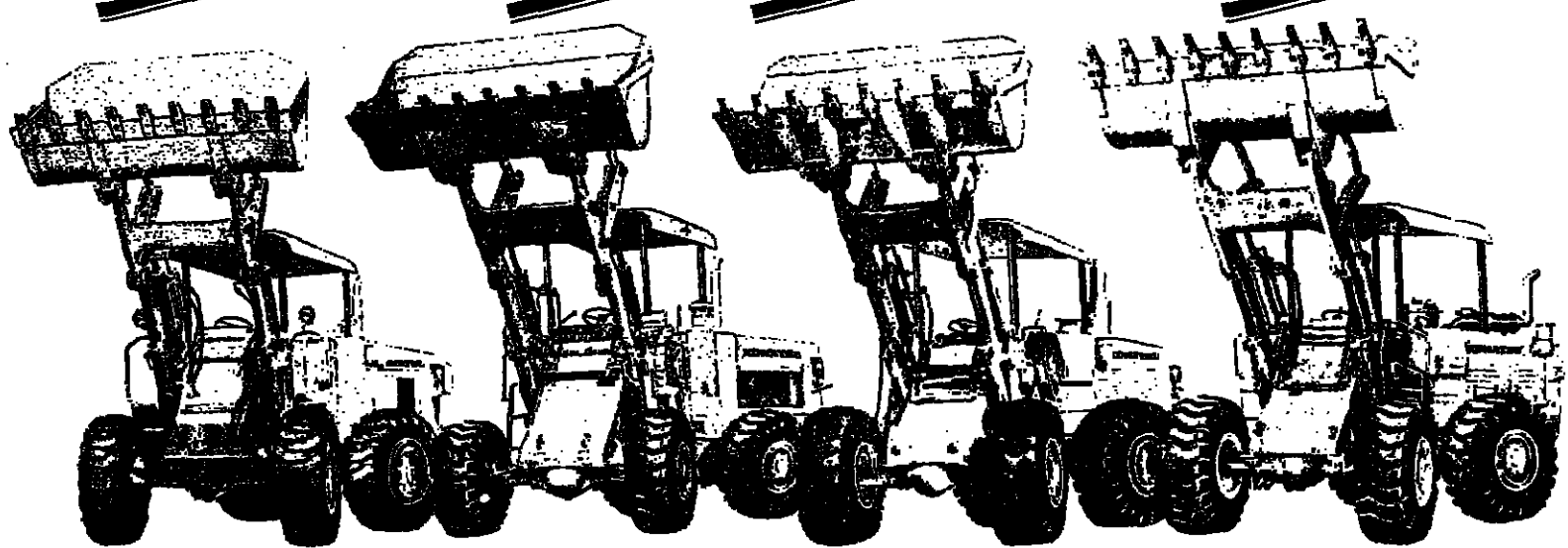
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Habre's forces put up fierce resistance**Chad's balance of power unchanged**

N'DJAMENA, April 12 (AFP) — Chadian Defense Minister Hissene Habre appeared Saturday to have released the stranglehold which had been choking off his troops for the past two days. After putting up fierce resistance to a joint offensive against his armed forces of the north (FAN), observers here said.

But this meant that after three weeks of virulent fighting, none of Chad's warring factions had emerged on top, and the current balance between the rival groups was essentially the same as at the start of the conflict.

Violent clashes Friday morning clearly lost force later in the day, following FAN resistance to Thursday's joint offensive by President Goukouni Reddaye's popular Armed

Forces (FAP) and the Chadian Armed Forces (FAT) headed by southernist leader Wadal Abdelkadar Kamougue, concurring reports said Saturday.

Habre's forces clashed sharply with FAP troops south of N'Djamena before driving them back, reportedly forcing Col. Kamougue's forces to leave behind important quantities of military equipment and munitions as they fled, the concurring sources said.

This material was reportedly recovered by Habre's troops on the battlefield, about 120 kilometers south of the capital.

According to the sources, troops led by Chadian Foreign Minister Ahmad Aycl, a member of the pro-Libyan Arab Common

Action Front, who participated last week in a similar attempt to attack Habre's forces from the rear, reportedly did not take part in this latest operation.

They said the Thursday morning attack was preceded Wednesday evening by heavy bombing of the African quarter of N'Djamena, held by Habre's FAN forces.

At the same time, President Goukouni's FAP forces attempted to carry out offensives and infiltrations into the FAN zone. Clashes reportedly occurred beyond a FAN-occupied camp in the Bololo sector of central N'Djamena.

It appeared on Friday that the elements who infiltrated the camp had been eliminated by the FAN forces.

On April 28**U.S. proposes intensive talks on autonomy**

WASHINGTON, April 12 (R) — A crash effort to complete Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian autonomy will start in Washington later this month if Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin agrees next week, U.S. officials have said.

Agreement to shift the slow-moving talks out of the region was reached by President Jimmy Carter and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat during White House meetings earlier this week, officials said.

Before returning to Cairo Thursday night, Sadat said he had accepted the U.S. proposal for intensive talks starting on April 28, but Begin had not consented.

Asked to comment Friday, an Israeli embassy official said it would be more correct to say that Begin had not yet consented.

A full report of the Carter-Sadat talks was sent to Begin Thursday. The Israeli leader

arrives in Washington on Monday afternoon and will see Carter on Tuesday and Wednesday.

There was no sign Friday that the U.S.-Egyptian talks had brought much beyond agreement on procedure.

But officials on all sides said this was exactly what they had expected.

"Obviously nothing proposed can be agreed on finally until the second meeting is held," an Israeli diplomat said.

Israeli diplomats said substantive matters would be discussed, but substantive agreements should not be expected to emerge from the Carter-Begin talks.

The summits were not intended to replace the negotiations, but to expedite them with the aim of meeting the May 26 target date set by Israel and Egypt, the diplomats said.

When they signed their peace treaty on

March 26 last year, Egypt and Israel agreed to try to complete arrangements within 14 months for an interim Palestinian-led authority to replace Israeli military control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

They disagree on most issues concerning self-rule for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Palestinian leaders have been opposed to the talks.

Arab and other critics of the Egyptian-Israeli peace accord have said that a resolution of the Palestinian issue is essential for lasting peace in the Middle East.

In Tel Aviv meanwhile, a senior Israeli minister Friday rejected Sadat's statement that Israel was to blame for the stalemate in the autonomy talks and said such remarks were aimed at extracting concessions from Begin in Washington next week.

Parliament elections ruled out in Jordan

AMMAN, April 12 (R) — Jordan's Prime Minister Sharif Abdul-Hamid Sharaf has ruled out the possibility of holding parliamentary elections in the country at least for the present.

In a television interview with the editors of three Jordanian newspapers Friday night, Sharaf said "Parliamentary life and elections are not feasible for the time being. This is because of the situation created by the Israeli occupation of the West Bank (of the River Jordan). This issue will be decided when the future of Palestine is settled."

Parliamentary life in Jordan was suspended in 1974, after the Rabat summit conference decided that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Jordan accepted the resolution.

Instead a national consultative council was appointed by royal decree two years ago. It can debate draft laws and give advice but its decisions are not binding on the government.

Asked whether political parties would be allowed to operate in the country, Sharaf said Jordan had had a bitter experience with the parties in the 1950's.

The government believed that people could participate in ruling the country by other means that suited the needs of its developing society, he added without elaboration. He was apparently referring to an abortive coup attempt against King



Abdul Hamid Sharaf

Hussein in 1957. This was followed by the dissolution of all political parties in the country.

On Jordan's economic policies, the prime minister said they now aimed at turning the country's society from one of consumption to one of production, which could be done through long-term economic plans.

The government now subsidizes consumers goods mainly food, and Sharaf said in fact it was production that needed support and not consumption.

Had it not been for government support such projects as phosphates, potash, chemical fertilizers, cement and agricultural projects in the Jordan Valley, which brought in the country's main revenues, would not have been able to function, he said.

The plight of Palestinians on the occupied West Bank was a main concern of his government, Sharaf said. Jordan and the PLO were cooperating in helping them to withstand occupation and aid and support for them would continue until the occupied territories were completely liberated, he added.

Chadli, Assad Arafat arrive for Libya parley

TRIPOLI, April 12 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi welcomed Algerian President Chadli Benjedid to the four-nation summit conference of the anti-Israeli Steadfastness Front, due to open here later Saturday.

This was Col. Qaddafi's first public appearance since reports from neighboring Tunis that there was an attempt on his life on April 4. He looked in excellent health.

From Damascus it was reported that Syrian President Hafez Assad and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader had left for the conference and another delegation is expected from South Yemen.

Earlier Saturday foreign ministers from front countries ended a preparatory meeting after drafting the conference agenda.

Assad given messages from Castro, Karmal

DAMASCUS, April 12 (R) — Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost was assured of Syria's support for the Afghan revolution when he met Syrian President Hafez Assad, an official spokesman has said.

Dost, who is on a tour of the region, handed a letter from Afghan President Babrak Karmal to Assad.

Dost later left for Baghdad.

Assad also received Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca, who handed him a message from President Fidel Castro. Malmierca, who is on a six-nation tour, also Friday met Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, to whom he handed a message.

Two men being questioned**Libyan journalist slain in London**

LONDON, April 12 (Agencies) — Two men were still being questioned by London police Saturday after a Libyan journalist was shot to death outside the Regent's Park Mosque.

Scotland Yard identified the two men as Libyans and said it believed no one else was involved in the attack.

"We suspect there may be a political motive," said Commander Peter Duffy, head of the anti-terrorist squad.

The victim was Muhammad Mustafa Ramadan, 40, a resident of London, who contributed to the Arabic service of the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) and to the London Arabic newspaper, *Al-Arab*.

He was shot in view of worshippers leaving the mosque, the largest in London, as he was about to distribute free copies of *Al-Arab*.

A Syrian friend and fellow-journalist, Tamas el Barazi, claimed on television after

the murder that the gunmen were "hit men" employed by the Libyan government of Col. Muammar Qaddafi to kill Ramadan because he was a sharp critic.

The Cairo-born Ramadan lived at Kenton in north London with his Egyptian wife Nadia and their four-year-old daughter Hanan. He was described by Mossadek Ali, a director of his newspaper *Al-Arab*, as a "Muslim activist" who had lived here about 16 years.

The London *Times* Friday quoted Arab sources as saying Ramadan had been warned three days ago that he was a likely target for a six-man Libyan assassination group which had been in London for six months.

Libyan newspapers published in Britain have recently reported that Scotland Yard was on the alert for possible action against opponents of Qaddafi living in London. Police refused to comment on the reports.

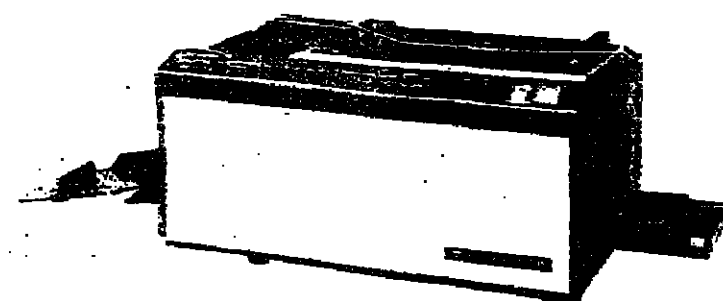


OVERSEER: Hilarion Capucci, exiled Greek Catholic archbishop of Jerusalem, conducts prayers with an unidentified American hostage in the U.S. embassy in Tehran last Sunday.

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From U.S. Olympic Committee

Mondale predicts boycott support vote

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, April 12 (AP) — America's Olympic committee will vote in favor of a Moscow Olympic boycott here, according to U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale.

Mondale, here to address the delegates before the crucial vote said he was sure that the committee would support its honorary president, President Jimmy Carter.

Reminding delegates of their obligations the vice-president stated: "A great deal is at stake in this vote, not only for U.S. athletes who have been asked an enormous sacrifice, but also for all Americans and for all civilized people everywhere."

In his bid to guarantee support for Carter's boycott policy, in retaliation for the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, Mondale added: "The delegates face a decision critical to the future of the whole nation. All of us are committed to putting the best interests of our nation above all else." Mondale maintains that the issues at stake would effect "the future of the civilized world."

However, a group of American athletes said Friday they would attempt to take legal action if either the U.S. Olympic Committee or the administration prevent them from competing in the summer games in Moscow.

But Sonics aren't out

Bucks have the upper hand

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — Bob Lanier's scoring and Harvey Catchings' shot-blocking have helped the Milwaukee Bucks take the upper hand in their playoff series with the Seattle SuperSonics, but coach Don Nelson isn't ready to count the defending National Basketball Association champions out.

"We're too even," Nelson said of the two teams. "There is no control in this series until it's over and somebody wins or loses. Even if we had lost the two games out there, I would have felt this would be a long series, and I still feel that way."

The clubs split a pair of overtime games in Seattle before the best-of-seven second-round series moved to Milwaukee Friday night, where the Bucks took a 2-1 lead by edging the Sonics 95-91.

Lanier, the starting center, led Milwaukee, with 24 points. Catchings, the Bucks' backup center, came up with two key blocked shots in the second half.

"Harvey saved us a sure four points, and it was a five-point game at that point," said Nelson. "Anybody who goes to the basket when he's in there is going to have to deal with Harvey sooner or later, and he's one of the best shot blockers in the league."

In other NBA playoff action Friday night, the Boston Celtics whipped the Houston Rockets 95-75 to take a 2-0 lead in their series, and the Los Angeles Lakers edged the Phoenix Suns 108-105 to move to a 3-0 lead in their series.

A basket by Dave Meyers gave the Bucks a 15-point lead over Seattle early in the third quarter. The Sonics closed to 85-81 with 6:04 to play in the game but Lanier sank a bank

shot, a layup and two free throws as Milwaukee outscored Seattle 10-4 to pull away.

The Celtics took command by outscoring Houston 10-2 at the close of the third quarter for a 71-59 lead. Three consecutive baskets by Rick Robey stretched Boston's lead to 79-61 with 8:35 remaining and the Celtics coasted home.

Houston managed just 16 points in each of the last two periods after trailing just 46-43 at halftime.

"We didn't shoot well," said Rockets coach Del Harris. "We kept close the first half despite hitting just 41 per cent. But you can't keep that kind of poor shooting up all game and expect to win."

Boston has now won all eight of its games against Houston this year — six in the regular season and two in the playoffs.

Los Angeles posted only its second victory in Phoenix in six seasons as center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 37 points, including 15 in the decisive fourth quarter. The Lakers can wrap up the series Sunday night.

The Lakers, trailing 56-49 at halftime, came out more aggressive defensively and outscored the Suns 26-20 to close to within one, 76-75, going into the final quarter.

Phoenix led 98-97 with 4:09 remaining before the Lakers reeled off six straight points, including four by Abdul-Jabbar.

Rookie guard Magic Johnson made a steal to stop a Phoenix breakaway and drove the length of the floor to set up a stuff by Abdul-Jabbar that capped that flurry.

"Kareem is a pro and he knows when we need him to do something special," said Lakers coach Paul Westhead. "He's always there to turn it on."

to even the score 3-3, breaking Nastase's serve in the fifth after eight deuce games.

The set was tied twice — 4-4 and 5-5 — before Nastase lost his serve in the 11th to put McEnroe ahead 6-5. McEnroe clinched the next game.

Nastase had a total of seven aces against six for McEnroe.

In the first set, Connors led 3-1 with Tanner losing his serve in the third game. Then, Tanner evened the score 4-4 after Connors lost his serve in the 8th game.

Then, Connors went ahead 5-4, breaking Tanner's serve in the ninth and took the set when Tanner netted the ball at 10-15.

Breaking Tanner's serve in the first and fifth games, Connors won the second set easily.

Tanner had a total of 13 aces against one for Connors.

In Hilton Head Island, South Carolina Tracy Austin had an easy time advancing to the semifinal round of a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament here Friday, but number-two seed Yvonne Goolagong didn't have it so good.

The Australian-born Goolagong, who had problems with her serve and concentration, lost to Czechoslovakian Regina Marsikova 7-5, 6-7, 4-6. Austin, the number one seed, dropped Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa 6-1, 6-1.

Marsikova was down five games in the second set and appeared on the verge of bowing out of the tournament when she rallied to win five straight games from Goolagong, and then the match.

Mike Flanagan, powered Chicago over Baltimore 8-4.

Flanagan, a 23-game winner last season, issued two walks in the first inning before Johnson homered to wipe out an early 2-0 Baltimore lead. Then Nordhagen's shot in the third put the White Sox in front to stay.

In National League action:

Los Angeles led 6-3 before Alan Ashby hit a two-run double for Houston in the seventh for a 10-6 Astros win. Craig Reynolds tied the score with a homer to start the eighth inning off Dodgers reliever Don Stanhouse.

Singles by Cesar Cedeno and Enos Cabell and a walk to Jose Cruz loaded the bases and Luis Pujols then drove a double over first base. Cedeno and Cabell scored on the hit, and Cabell also came around to score when shortstop Derrel Thomas bobbled the relay throw from the outfield.

Greg Luzinski clenched his fist and waved it in the air as he circled the bases after his homer aiding Philadelphia's 6-3 win over Montreal.

Luzinski's blast backed the eight-hit pitching of Steve Carlton as the Phils won before an opening night crowd of 48,460. Gary Carter hit a two-run homer for Montreal.

Oakland starts on the right foot

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — Matt Keough is off to an auspicious start for the Oakland A's. But anything would be better than last year.

Keough, who lost his first 14 games last season en route to a miserable 2-17 record, got off on the right foot Friday night with a four-hit, 1-0 beauty over the Minnesota Twins.

The victory not only tasted good to Keough, but also to Billy Martin, who won his first game as the Oakland manager.

Joe Rudi knocked in four runs with two homers and Dave Frost scattered six hits over 31-3 innings, as California rolled past Cleveland, 10-2.

Rusty Staub lashed a two-run homer to cap a six-run outburst in the fifth inning and doubled to start a four-run rally in the seventh to carry Texas over New York 11-7.

Pete Lacock singled and doubled and drove in three runs in support of Larry Gura's six-hit pitching as Kansas City beat Detroit 4-0. Lacock singled off loser Dan Schatzbeier to score Hal McRae with the first run in the fifth.

Lamar Johnson's three-run homer and a two-run blast by Wayne Nordhagen, both off

With flair, flourish, drive and drama

Ballesteros averts disaster in Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 12 (AP) — Severiano Ballesteros of Spain turned potential disaster into a barrage of birdies that produced a 69 and a stranglehold of a 4-stroke lead Friday in the 44th Masters.

Playing with the flair and flourish, the drive and drama of a young Arnold Palmer, the dynamic ballesteros compiled a 36-hole total of 135, 9 shots under par at the halfway point of golf's annual spring classic.

He put himself in a position where the Master is his to win or lose. "He's going to be very hard to catch," observed Tom Watson, the outstanding player for the past three years, from a position seven strokes back.

Ballesteros, the current British Open Champion who celebrated his 33rd birthday last Wednesday, was a little more cautious.

His play was the bold, daring, gambling style Palmer used to popularize the game a generation ago. And, like Palmer of those glory days, his gambles paid off.

He played extremely well in Thursday's first round. He cut the power of his drives and kept them in play.

Friday he reverted to a more familiar form. The drives went booming from the tees. And they often went clattering and clacking among the pines.

He converted three high, screaming hooks into birdies.

When Nicklaus was told how Steve played the 17th hole — making birdie after driving on to the seventh green — Jack simply cradled his head in his hands.

With 36 holes to play on the 7,040 yards of flowered, rolling hills that compose the Augusta National Golf Club Course, Australian David Graham, the current PGA champion, and Rex Caldwell, a non-winning journeyman on the American tour, shared second at 139.

Caldwell, described by defending champion Fuzzy Zoeller as "an easy-go-lucky type like me" moved up with a no-bogey, 6-under-par 66 that was the best round of the day.

Ed Sneed, the man who had the 43rd Masters in his grasp until he bogeyed the last three holes, headed a group at 140 that included Tom Kite, Jerry Pate, Jim Simons and Doug Tewell.

Sneed shot a 70. Pate had a 68. Simons

72. Kite 71 and Tewell 69.

Tied at 141 were Jeff Mitchell, Ed Fiori and Larry Nelson. Nelson matched par-72 and Fiori had a 70. Mitchell, the young Texan whose opening 66 had given him a place in a three-way tie for the top, slipped to 75.

The big group at 142 included Zoeller, Watson, Hubert Green and Gary Player, who is seeking a fourth Masters crown.

Green shot a 74. Zoeller bridled three holes in a row on the back nine to 70. Watson improved to 69 but wasn't impressed with his chances of overtaking Ballesteros.

"I'll have to shoot a couple of 67s, at least, to have any chance at all," he said. Nicklaus, holder of the greatest golf record of all time and trying a comeback at age 40, saw all his preparations go for naught.

"I birdied the last two holes to make the cut. That's about all you can say," Nicklaus said after a 71 that left him at 136.

Lee Trevino shot 71-145. Ben Crenshaw improved to a 70 and was at 146. Palmer, now 50, had another 73 that put him at 14

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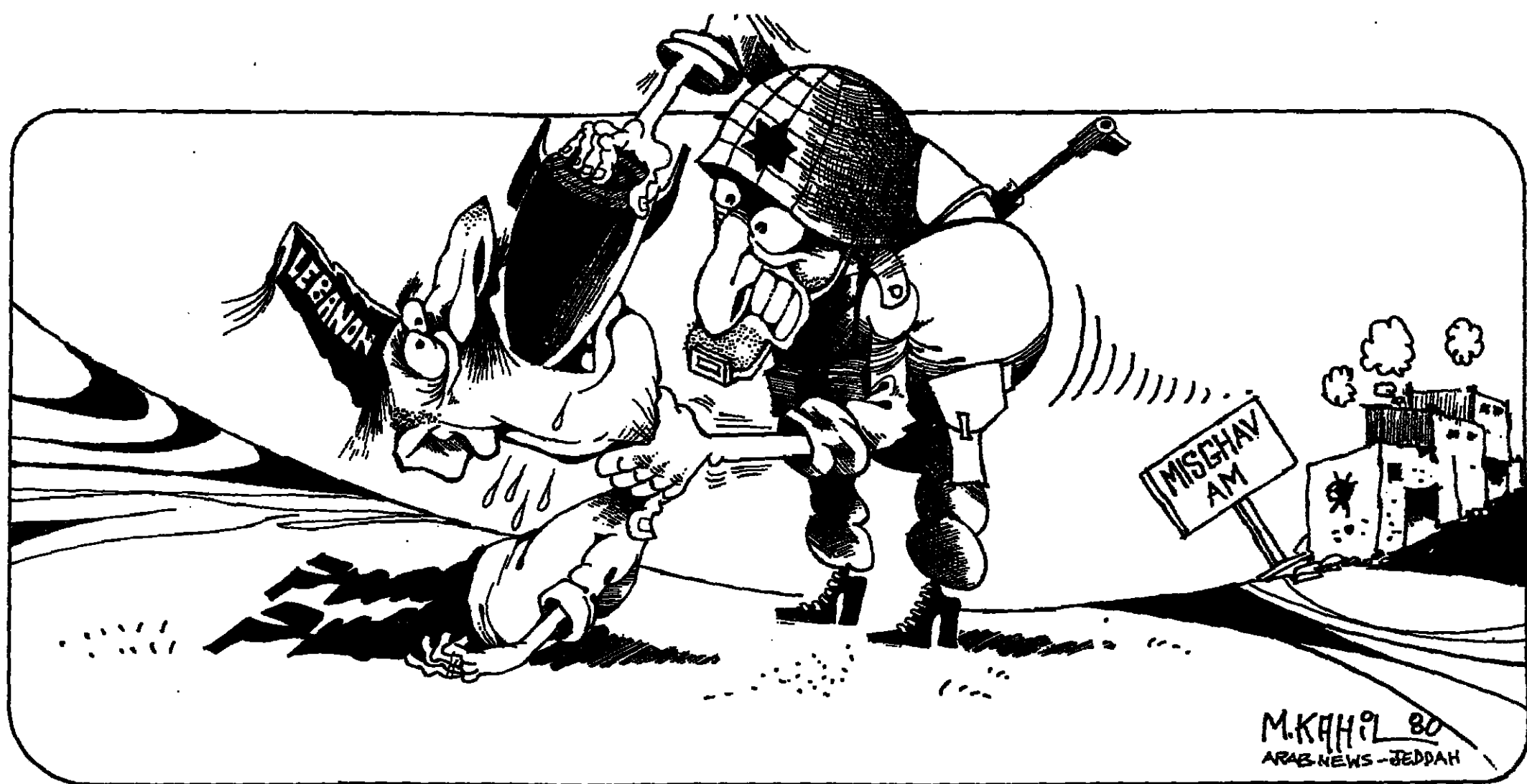
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The U.S. productivity ploy

By Michael Harrington

NEW YORK — Productivity. This unexamined, treacherous term is central to the national attempt to develop a response to the worst economic crisis in half a century. Thus, President Jimmy Carter, after presenting an anti-inflation program imposing sacrifices on the poor, on distressed areas and the average consumer, held out the visionary hope that such measures would eventually permit subsidies for corporations to get them to improve productivity.

This remarkable calculus of pain for the vulnerable and "carrots" for the affluent is justified by a familiar argument. Inflation, conventional "wisdom" holds, is caused by low levels of productivity that result from insufficient investment and also make Americans less competitive with the West Germans and Japanese. Therefore, a legislated higher rate of profit would provide the funds for modernization that would in the long run help workers and the poor as well as the immediate and unmistakable beneficiaries of this strategy: the owners of capital.

The discussion pivots on a term that is as rigorous as cotton candy. But then, flawed definitions are a

feature of the times, the result of trying to manipulate old concepts to deal with a new reality. Thus, there is a hue and cry to revise the Consumer Price Index because it weights housing costs at above the average but silence about the fact that index averages understate the price of necessities. The productivity case in point will, one hopes, illuminate a broader phenomenon: the pseudo-facts that confuse national debate.

Item. Statisticians consider anti-pollution and safety devices installed by business as a diversion of resources from "productive" uses, including the manufacture of carcinogenic cigarettes. Thus, saving minors' lives in recent years has been a source of "negative" productivity in the mining industry.

Item. A major reason for high productivity gains in the past was the transfer of people from agriculture to industry. The end of that historic trend accounts for more of the decline in productivity than costs imposed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. At the same time, Americans tend to ignore the positive side of this development: There have been spectacular productivity gains in a capital-intensive highly competitive sector of the economy: food production.

Item. It is said that many of the U.S. problems are

the result of hordes of "inexperienced" workers flooding into the labor market, many of them women. Since wages are assumed to reflect productivity and women receive 59 per cent of the male wage, it is concluded that women are 59 per cent as productive as men. But in most cases it is the job that determines the productivity of the worker, not the other way around.

As the economist Lester Thurow has observed in his book *Generating Inequality*: "Raw unskilled labor makes a very different wage depending on whether it works for General Motors or for a Mississippi plantation." Because there was an economic boom in Europe in the 1950s, Greek and Turkish shepherds turned out to be as productive as American high school graduates.

Item. Edward Denison of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, a leading expert in the field, recently admitted, with a candor rare in his profession, that more than half of the reasons for the productivity decline are a "mystery." One possibility, he noted in his book *Accounting for Slower Economic Growth*, is that the years 1948-1973 were a time of exceptional innovation, and from 1973 to the present, of relative stagnation. The first postwar phase saw petrochemicals,

electronics and the rebuilding of Western Europe and Japan: the current phase, semi-conductors, pocket calculators and not much else.

That, however, suggests real solutions to problems that Americans now define in fantasy terms. Americans are in the midst of a fundamental restructuring of their economy. If the restructuring is, as now, unplanned, it will be paid for by lower living standards of the poor, working people and citizens of declining areas such as New York City.

Meanwhile, the affluent would get tax subsidies to induce them to invest in productivity, but under conditions of pervasive uncertainty they would often spend that money on speculative inflation hedges. Or there could be a planned national investment in new industries — examples are solar technology and a revived rail network in the Northeast and Midwest — that could cut costs and promote full employment.

However, before they can elaborate such plans Americans have to clean up their language. It is not just the conventional wisdom of a generation that has been subverted by the present crisis: The concepts of the recent past, and the "facts" that they produce, have become irrelevant and misleading. — (NYT)

ITV'S SLANDER

Holland, the first European country to condemn the television fallacy screened by ITV, has fully demonstrated its concept for the need of good international relations.

His Excellency the Ambassador of Great Britain also cut short his leave and returned to Jeddah with a letter of apology. Our information says that Lord Carrington might as well make an apologetic visit to Riyadh. Apologies and condemnation of the "independent" screening of the "Death of a Princess" can have no end, for every action on the part of Independent Television produces an opposite and equal reaction.

This is not a threat, but rather a logical result of fooling around with international relations, where courageous and wise British diplomacy has usually reigned.

We say wise diplomacy because we thought the black past of British colonialism had lapsed, together with its infamous "divide to rule" doctrine.

Regrettably this neo-policy reappears in a country renowned for being well-versed in international relations.

On the other hand, Saudi Arabia, a nation little less than 50 years old, has always striven to bolster ties with both the British people and government.

Regrettably, the ITV film proved to be not only a tragic piece of fiction, but also a sure way to undermine Saudi Arabian-British friendship.

The film was a slanderous documentary about the way law and order are maintained in the fast developing Kingdom as well as a malicious swipe at Islam itself.

It is perhaps too early to predict repercussions of such a blatant attack on this country and the faith of millions of Muslims.

The screening of the ITV film can only remind us of the Balfour Declaration, which deprived the Arabs and Muslims of their third holiest site, (Jerusalem's Al Aqsa) and with which the conspiracy against the whole Arab world began.

NO VICTOR

The last thing the Arab world wants is the deepening of the crisis between Iraq and Iran into a real war. For they recognize that no one will emerge a victor, except, that is, the enemies of both sides, such as, among others, Israel and its friends. Yet, the Arabs cannot but wonder at the constant provocations, verbal as well as material, offered to all and sundry by the Iranian regime — to such an extent that the country has become almost completely isolated.

The Arab side realizes that this last round of tension between Iraq and Iran was in no small measure caused by Iraq's raising the issue of the three Arab islands occupied by Iran at the time of the Shah. But they also know that Iraq would not have given the issue such urgency had it not been for Iran's declared intention (which it appears to be putting into practice) of interfering in the affairs of the surrounding countries.

While Iran was intensifying its efforts to foment unrest in neighboring countries, it chose to escalate its crisis with the United States over the hostages held at the American embassy in Tehran, delaying their release by at least three more months. This action shows either ignorance of the pressures toward harsh action this imposes on the American president, or an irresponsible indifference to it. Or is it that Iran's affairs are now dictated by the pressure from the street, with the government drifting helplessly from one crisis to the other?

Whatever the case, Iran's rulers show little awareness of the dangers facing them, dangers which their own actions have conjured. The threats of counter-sanctions they have made against countries supporting the United States mean little. For the U.S.' ultimate weapon is a naval blockade which will stop the flow of Iranian oil anyway.

The trouble with the Iranian regime, it is said, is that it is a revolution which is yet to transform itself into a proper government. Such a transformation is never easy. Yet it has to be made if the revolution is not to dissipate itself in rash actions and sterile rhetoric. The negative side of Iran's task, that of uprooting the previous regime, has been completed. It is high time the rulers took up the positive side, that of building the country and of assuring its people welfare and security.

Who started San Salvador massacre?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer, an eyewitness to the San Salvador massacre, reports on the shooting as he saw it from the center of the panic-stricken crowd.

By John de St. Jorre

SAN SALVADOR — El Salvador has slipped another notch toward civil war with the outbreak of violence that accompanied the funeral of Archbishop Romero, himself a victim of the rifts that threaten to tear this tiny Central American republic apart.

The ruling junta, already weakened by defections and growing anarchy in the countryside, is trying to avoid further confrontation with its opponents by keeping its security forces in the background. The United States, a strong supporter of the regime, is pumping in aid and advising the government not to over-react.

But with the extremists on both right and left in a volatile mood after the death last month of more than 40 persons, the country remains tense. Romero's own death by an assassin's bullet a week earlier had removed the main voice of moderation between the dangerously polarized wings of Salvadorean politics.

No one seems to know who started the shooting

at the archbishop's funeral. The right blames the left, the left accuses the right. Some say it was the National Guard, others that it was the armed youths in the crowd, and others still that it was all an accident.

Only the results are beyond doubt. A small explosion sending up a shower of pamphlets — a leaflet bomb — went off as Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada of Mexico, the Pope's representative, was saying the requiem mass on the steps of the cathedral.

Guns followed and then another explosion. The huge crowd in front of the cathedral surged forward, pinning the oldest and the weakest, who had been placed in the front rows, against a 10ft wall.

Several reporters, including myself, managed to scramble over the iron railings into the cathedral courtyard as the shooting intensified. We helped some women over but a few were injured on the iron spikes and others were crushed to death at the foot of the wall.

Most of the shooting was going on at the side of the cathedral opposite the National Palace, where a contingent of the National Guard was believed to be stationed, but at no point during the incident, which

lasted about half-an-hour, was a uniformed soldier, policeman or National Guardsman seen.

I ran around the flank of the cathedral to a side door where young militants were firing a bizarre collection of weapons into the square. One was a young woman in blue jeans, with a red bandanna around her head. She was holding an M-16 automatic rifle, with an extra magazine held on with masking tape.

Inside the cathedral — a gaunt, unfinished structure — the scene was closer to Dante's Inferno than the last rites of a respected prelate. Women wailing, organizers bellowing through loudhailers, youths waving pistols in the air and shouting at each other, bodies being dragged in off the street and, curiously, a calm, probably foreign cleric taking photographs of it all.

The procession of left-wing organizations had begun earlier in an orderly fashion and wound slowly through the city under a hot sun. Many of the young men were armed, with pistols bulging under their shirts and Molotov cocktails in plastic shopping bags. One had a rifle wrapped in brown paper.

The archbishop's body, which had been outside the cathedral when the shooting started, was hurriedly brought inside and the Mexican cardinal con-

tinued the requiem as gunfire rattled outside and panic-stricken people poured in seeking refuge.

And then it was over — the dead laid out in the nave not far from their archbishop's crypt, and the armed revolutionaries looking flushed, whether with a sense of victory or shame it was not clear. And there was still no sign of the "enemy" they had allegedly been fighting.

It seems probable that the new spate of violence will be represented by the left as yet another example of government repression, and by the right as one more compelling reason to crush the revolutionary forces. Certainly, shocked people on the cathedral immediately blamed the authorities for the massacre.

The junta, pinning its hopes on a sweeping land redistribution buttressed by greater physical security for all its citizens, may find itself overtaken by insurrection. The determining factor will be the army.

So far it has given conditional support to the junta, a collective leadership of two colonels and three moderate politicians. But as it watched the left-wing militants temporarily take over the heart of the capital, its patience must have been stretched to the limits. (OFNS)

saudi press review

Al Medina, *Al Jazirah* and *Al Riyadh* Saturday led with the Foreign Ministry statement about a television program shown in London on TV channel last Wednesday. The papers said the program, entitled "The Death of a Princess", spoils traditional relations between Saudi Arabia and Britain. *Al Medina* said Islamic and Arab leading personalities in Britain have denounced the screening of the film. *Al Riyadh* quoted the Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires in London as saying the film aimed at attacking Saudi Arabia, the Islamic faith and the sentiments of 600 million Muslims of the world.

These papers highlighted Saudi Foreign Ministry's statement on the subject describing the television program as a "cheap machination far from objectivity." The statement added that the film represented a clear attack on the sentiments of the Muslims of the world and blatantly scoffed at the Islamic faith and its sublime canons. The film does this by attacking the high values, ideals and traditions of Saudi Arabia, the hub of the Islamic world. The statement also said the TV program has only spoiled the traditional strong relations between Saudi Arabia and Britain.

Al Riyadh reported the conven-

ing of an extraordinary meeting of the British Cabinet to discuss the situation arising out of the showing of the film. The paper said thousands of telephone calls, mostly from the British people and the Arabs, were received by the House of Lords expressing strong resentment over the screening of the film, which, they said, was nothing but fabrication to spoil the reputation of Saudi Arabians.

The paper reported an official spokesman as saying that severe measures will be taken to deal with some media agencies engaged in such activities. The paper further quoted a British Member of Parliament as saying it was a bolt on the British government and went in favor of Saudi Arabia.

Among other lead stories, *Okaz* said the Russians were supporting Iran against Iraq, while *Al Yom* said the Security Council might meet again and urge Israel to withdraw from the Arab territories. *Al Nadwa*'s lead reported armed clashes between Iran and Iraq. *Al Bilad* predicted American intervention as the answer to an ultimate execution of the hostages.

Among the prominent front-page stories Saturday included the

reported pressure on President Giscard d'Estaing of France to visit occupied Palestine, and Israel's silence over U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's call to withdraw from Lebanon. An extraordinary meeting of OPEC members scheduled to be held in Taif May 7 also was highlighted by most newspapers. In a front-page story, *Al Nadwa* reported Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will attend the Tripoli summit meeting of the confrontation states.

A majority of newspaper editorials condemned the British TV program of last Wednesday damaging the reputation of Saudi Arabia. The editorials were unanimous in their view that the film was a repugnant attack on Saudi Arabia in particular and on Islam in general. The editorials reaffirmed that the real motives behind the production of such a film was a latent rancor against the Kingdom, which is a symbol of moral values and Arab and international instances.

The papers referred to the sweeping denunciation by the Islamic organizations throughout Britain and said their reaction was only a natural resort. The editorials urged that the malicious campaign must be dealt with severely by using all possible means,

mainly by launching an economic war against such elements.

In an expression of its indignation over the malicious film, *Al Jazirah* said those who receive millions of dollars for distorting the image of Saudi Arabia and its leadership have now started fabricating new methods and declared their war on Islam which is Saudi Arabia's faith, its constitution.

The paper went on to say that Saudi Arabia's progress, prosperity, stability and security as well as its contribution in the solution to the problems of the international community have enhanced their hatred, so they started fabricating stories against the Kingdom and the members of the royal family.

What makes the enemies of Islam more nervous and malicious is the fact that the Kingdom's leadership has provided practical proof that Islam is the religion of a nobler human life and is practical at all times and places. The enemies, unable to see the Kingdom thrive, began to gather "the slaves of money," gave them millions of dollars and pounds, and the result was that they made this film. The paper linked the incident to the British stances on Arab issues, and said it was not any coincidence that the film was made in London. It was also Lon-

don, where in 1919, the biggest Zionist conspiracy was hatched and culminated in the ominous Balfour Declaration.

In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* urged a boycott of all papers and media agencies which strive to distort the Kingdom's image. It said that firm steps must be taken to confront the hysterical campaign launched against the Islamic world in general and Saudi Arabia in particular. It said "we must confront them with their own weapons, as we have the opportunity, situation, and funds and lack nothing but courage and resolve to impose our existence."

The West must be made to understand that we are capable of answering their campaign with an economic and media war against them. These states must understand that while we don't intend to kill the freedom of opinion in any country, we cannot accept the pretexts from the ruling cliques in Europe on the freedom of their press and see our faith and facts being distorted by them.

The paper went on to say that "we are still in position of strength and are ready to make any sacrifices for the sake of our dignity, morals and sublime values." The paper reaffirmed that these malicious campaigns are desper-

ate attempts to distort our shining image by all possible means at the command of the enemies.

Al Medina also dwelled on the same subject reiterating that Saudi Arabia has earmarked all its potentialities for services to Arab and Islamic solidarity. Besides serving Islam, it will continue to dislodge all attempts of international Zionism and their hired mercenaries at distorting the image of Islam and Muslims. The large-scale resentment shown by the Islamic circles throughout Britain is a natural answer to the Zionist machinations, it added.

The paper wondered why Britain was selected for such vile campaigns against Islam. It said that the whole world knows how local legislations should be respected in a country. It is seldom that any country in the world will allow the fools, as is the case in the British media at present, to distort Islam and to fan Jewish-Christian deceptive leanings as is being done in the British papers now.

The paper urged the prudent people in Britain, who may be keen on the growth of their country's relations with Saudi Arabia and the Islamic world, to close all those avenues through which the Zionists are benefiting by blasting mutual understanding between Saudi Arabia and Britain.

architecture, cities, science and the arts

A television series on the world of Islam

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — Nadim ud Din Bammate, sitting through Jeddah on his way to the slim Minorities Conference in London, said an exciting plan, sponsored by the organization of Islamic Conference, Jeddah, a television series on Islam.



Nadim ud Din Bammate

The series entitled "The World of Islam," Nadim ud Din Bammate is to write the series and the film synopses. The series is to be shown all over the world and will be shown in many languages.

Bammate is an Afghan, born of Daghastan, a percentage in Paris in 1922. He grew up in rope, was at university in Cambridge and entered into the Diplomatic service of Afghanistan. Among other appointments, he served as a delegate to the U.N. He worked at UNESCO for thirty years, especially as an expert in the field of East-West understanding, from which he retired only recently. "I have seen all the modern complications and the final tragedy of my country," he said. "My support, with credentials of the Monarchy, Republic and the pre-Moscow Government, is now an interesting but useless event."

About the Television series, Bammate was enthusiastically. Each color presentation

will be of 53 minutes. The first, entitled "The Space of Islam" will be produced in time for the Pilgrimage. It will stress the variety of nations and peoples within Islam and the Faith as a way of life, relevant to the needs of the modern world. "The natural political and cultural links between the components of the Islamic world and its realities are often overlooked, even by Muslims themselves. How many Muslims realize, for instance, that more than half their Brothers in Islam live in the region East of Bombay?" Naturally, the heartland of the Muslims, Arabia, and the Holy Cities, will be the underlying theme of the first presentation.

The second film, "Art and Arabesque," will illustrate the contribution of Islam to the arts. It will include aspects of calligraphy, design, and manuscript illuminations, drawing examples from many sources and traditions, including Persia and Syria.

The third presentation will be devoted to "The Science of Islam," including instruments of measurement and navigation, the theoretical and practical sciences, mathematics, mechanics and medicine. The theme here will be the idea that no nation is incapable of scientific advancement.

The fourth film, "The Islamic City," will stress the urban, institutional achievements of Islam in the structuring of civilized, law making communities. "Here I shall use my connections in UNESCO, particularly in Fez, in Morocco, to show the ideal elements of a Muslim city," Bammate said. "We will indicate the traditional divisions of a typical Islamic city into its trade and craft locations."

Apropos of the Muslim city, Bammate went on, "We will also film Sana'a. We hope that the interest we produce in that unique and beautiful place will help to prevent its further destruction in the name of commercial progress. You know, there was a conference recently, in Lahore, on the theme of 'The Protection of Muslim Cities' and this is a crucial task for Islamic governments in today's rapidly changing world."

The fifth film will be called "Islamic contributions to Western Civilization" and it will show aspects of Moorish Spain, particularly Cordoba and Granada as well as Sicily and Southern Italy. The contribution to architecture, particularly the Romanesque, to music, as in the evolution of the lute and the songs of the Troubadours and the cultural effects of the Crusades will be demonstrated.

The sixth and final film, "The Islamic World of Today" will be a presentation of perspectives, a summing up. It will include interviews with well known and unknown people who will say what the living reality of Islam means to them.



The Anatomy of the Eye



A Vine illustrated in a Persian manuscript

The British-Dutch clinic

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — A medical service which has come an institution for many foreigners in Jeddah may soon have to close its doors. It will be the end of an era for British and Dutch expatriates who for the past 15 years have benefited from the facilities offered by the clinic on the grounds of the British Embassy.

Although the clinic will be sadly missed by its patients, its demise has a positive side. It reflects a dramatic improvement of medical services in Jeddah in recent times.

Decline

Result of the increasing number of doctors now in Jeddah in its turn as a result of the rapid modernization taking place.

According to one of the sisters running the clinic, Cathy Kirby, most big companies now have their own doctors while other Western trained doctors have set up private practices.

Relieve

As the clinic is meant to pay its own way the decline in the number of patients has put financial burdens on its operation. Its only hope for a reprieve would be a sudden increase in customers.

The clinic offers two types of services, general medical services such as treatments for non-major injuries and illnesses, and inoculations for travel purposes, and specialised baby health care such as weight checks and

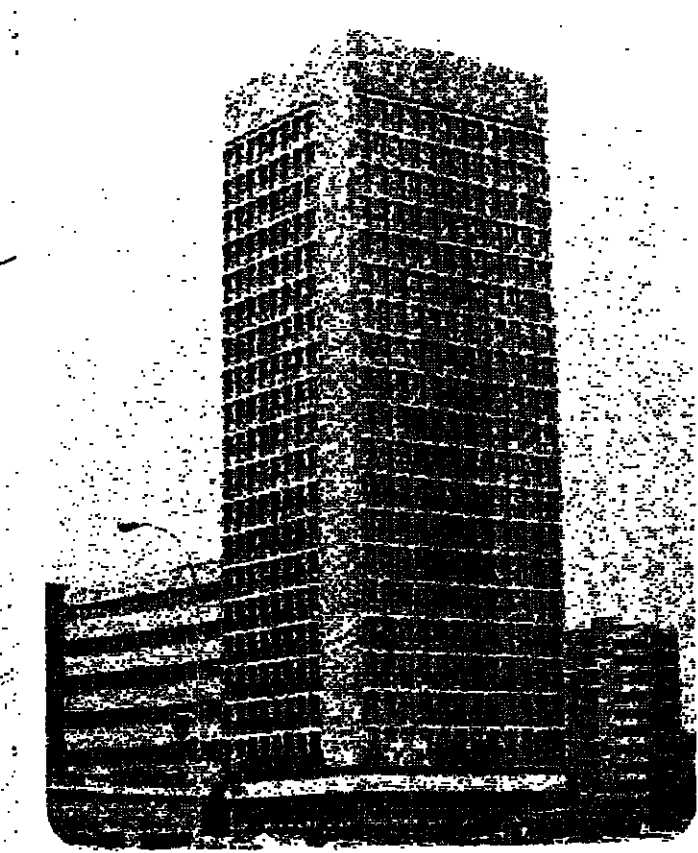
feeding advice.

Cathy estimates the British expatriate population of Jeddah at 10,000 and the Dutch at 4,000. Such a large group used to keep the clinics more than full.

Closing

"Six months ago in a two hour general clinic we would see up to 40 patients and in a baby clinic up to 50," said Cathy. "Now we would be lucky to see three or four babies. And we have even had to close some of the general clinics because of lack of numbers."

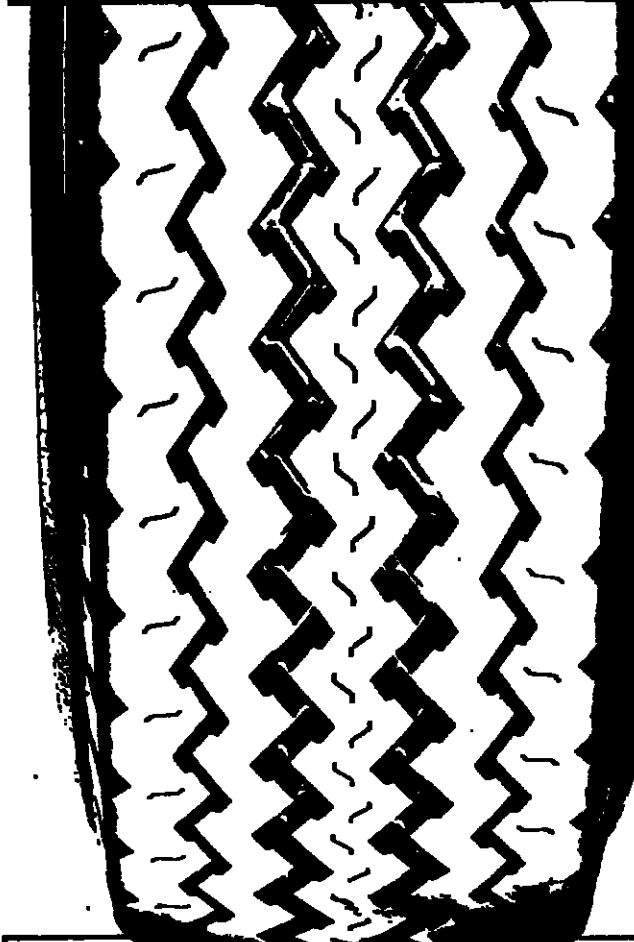
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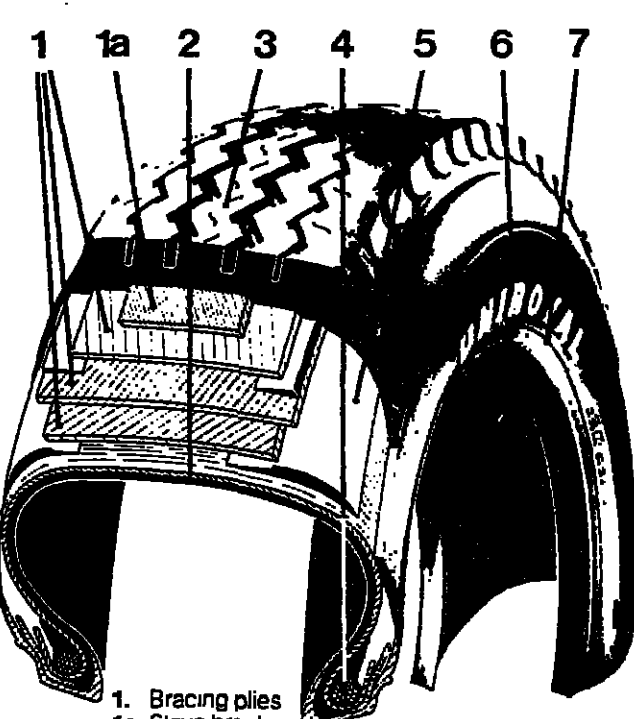
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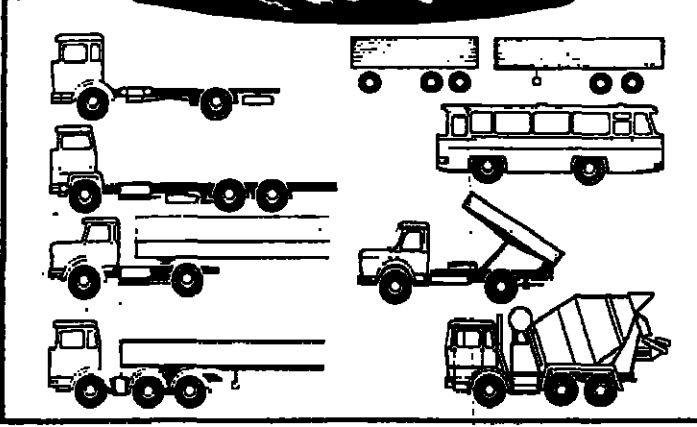
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Peruvian embassy refugees

U.S. to take 2,000 Cubans

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) — The United States may accept between 2,000 and 5,000 of the Cuban refugees who have fled to the Peruvian embassy in Havana seeking asylum, U.S. officials said Friday.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said that although no decisions have been reached, the number of Cubans allowed entry probably would be on the lower side of that range.

Until Friday, administration officials had said only that the United States would take in its "fair share" of the thousands of Cubans who have been crowding the Peruvian embassy for almost a week.

Reports of the number of Cubans at the embassy have ranged as high as 11,000 although Cuban officials insist the figure is much lower.

The U.S. government has argued that the United States, in accepting 800,000 Cuban refugees over the past 21 years, has done more than its share thus far in accommodat-

ing disaffected Cubans. Officials have been hopeful that other Western hemisphere countries would open their doors to the Cubans now at the Peruvian embassy.

Privately, officials say they have been disappointed with what they consider the slow response of these other countries.

Following a meeting of the five-nation Andean Council earlier this week, Peru announced it would take in 1,000 Cubans. The remaining four countries have not specified how many they will take in. Outside the Andean bloc, Costa Rica, Spain and West Germany have indicated they will receive small numbers of refugees.

Another problem delaying the departure of the refugees is that Peru and Cuba have yet to agree on the means for carrying out their resettlement.

The Peruvian foreign minister accused Cuba of "having deteriorated the already difficult conditions of life for the persons who are in the Peruvian embassy and of having

obstructed the adoption of measures conducive to a speedier departure of this population" by refusing to accept the help of international agencies.

Earlier in the week, Cuba turned down offers of collaboration from the international Red Cross and the U.N. High Commission on Refugees, an agency which arranges for resettlement of the homeless.

The ministry statement implied, but did not specify, that some of the planes might be provided by the Inter-Government Committee for European Migration, a Geneva-based agency which had indicated it could provide transportation for the refugees.

The press release said conditions at the embassy had worsened, especially for women and children, and could result in "grave repercussions."

It said there were "deplorable sanitation conditions, scarcity of food, lack of medicine and fallen spirits" inside the embassy compound.

By South Africa

U.N. condemns attacks on Zambia

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council has strongly condemned South Africa for armed attacks on Zambia and warned it will impose sanctions against Pretoria if they continue.

The 15-member council, acting at the request of Zambia, adopted a resolution Friday that also demanded withdrawal of all South African troops from Zambia and an end to military flights over its territory. Zambia claimed South Africa had recently stepped up violations of its territory, causing death and destruction.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 15-0 after two days of debate on the issue.

The resolution called the attacks unprovoked, reflecting the council's rejection of South Africa's claims that the attacks were in retaliation for guerrilla raids into Namibia.

South Africa has charged these raids were staged by the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) which seeks independence for Namibia, also known as South-West Africa and administered by South Africa since World War I.

Zambia, situated north of Namibia, is one of the key supporters of SWAPO, which is recognized by the United Nations as the rep-

resentative of the Namibian people.

Delegates from a total of 23 nations addressed the council in the two-day debate prior to the vote on the resolution and without exception condemned South Africa and its racial policies.

The resolution said the council was "deeply concerned that the wanton acts by the racist regime of South Africa are aimed at the destabilization of the republic of Zambia."

It called the attacks "hostile and unprovoked" and said the council was "grieved at the tragic loss of human life and concerned about the damage and destruction of property resulting from the escalated acts and armed intrusion by the racist regime."

It solemnly warned that if the attacks continue, sanctions would be applied under that part of the U.N. charter which provides for economic and diplomatic boycotts and even military action if this is found warranted.

In a statement after the vote, British Ambassador Sir Anthony Parsons said his country joined in condemning South Africa's attacks but did not regard itself as committed to any future course of action by the resolution.

He called on all parties to exercise max-

imum restraint and renewed Britain's commitment to peaceful negotiation for Namibian independence. He said his country's success in bringing independence to Rhodesia gives hope for the case of Namibia.

U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry, who also commented after the vote, made no reference to sanctions but said the United States supports the resolution.

"South African military operations in Zambia are unjustifiable," he stated. "They violate the rules of law and comity that should govern the relations between states."

He said, "All of us should recognize, however, that in a practical sense South Africa's actions are part of an ever-spiralling cycle of violence rooted in South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia and the continued failure to reach an international acceptable solution to the Namibian question."

"We must redouble our efforts toward that end."

He urged South Africa to reply affirmatively to the latest proposals of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim for a demilitarized zone along Namibia's northern border to provide security for U.N.-supervised independence elections.



BOGOTA: A Colombian military policeman stretches and cracks his knuckles while standing guard during a round of negotiations between M-19 guerrillas and the Colombian government. The guerrillas have been holding hostages in the Dominican Republic embassy in Bogota since late February.

Colombia cabinet quits; negotiators meet

BOGOTA, April 12 (AP) — Colombian negotiators made another effort to end the urban guerrillas seizure of the Dominican embassy — and 18 diplomats — as they met Friday for 110 minutes with a guerrilla spokeswoman.

In a separate development, President Cesar Turbay Ayala's entire 13-man cabinet resigned to allow the Liberal party president to reorganize his government. The cordial negotiations in front of the embassy ended

with a handshake and the unidentified female guerrilla negotiator wearing a head mask emblazoned with the letters "M-19" again raised her finger with a victory sign.

The talks were again held in a parked van and neither side made any immediate comment.

Prior to the talks Foreign Minister Diego Uribe Vargas said the two sides were "closer on several important points" in efforts to end

the 45-day siege and captivity of the diplomats.

It was understood that the cabinet resignations would have come in March but the prolongation of the hostage situation delayed the change. It was believed there was no connection between the resignations, which were anticipated by departure from the cabinet of the labor and economic development ministers for personal reasons, and the embassy siege.

New York transport chiefs call off strike

NEW YORK, April 12 (R) — An 11-day-old strike that left six million New Yorkers without buses or underground trains has been called off.

Strike leader John Lawe ordered his 33,000 workers back to work after transport chiefs agreed to raise their average \$17,500 a-year wages by 17 per cent over two years.

The buses and trains were due to run again Saturday after days of near chaos in which New Yorkers have hitchhiked, walked, skated and cycled to work or taken their own cars and caused huge traffic jams.

Firms booked hotel rooms by the dozens for their staff, rented cots for sleeping in offices and leased buses, vans and even boats. It took 48 hours of near continuous talking to reach the tentative agreement on a new contract — a compromise between union demands for a 25 per cent rise and a 12 per cent management offer.

The deal is expected to set the pace for pay demands by 300,000 more city workers.

The Transport Workers union board Thursday night tied 22-22 on accepting the pact. But Lawe ordered members back to

work pending a postal ballot among them.

The union is due to pay a court fine of \$1 million and each worker to lose two days pay for each day out, as a penalty for breaking a New York law forbidding strikes by public employees.

Lawe said the union would press for an

Drugs ineffective, Tito doctors say

BELGRADE, April 12 (AP) — Doctors treating President Josip Broz Tito said Saturday that antibiotics being used against his pneumonia are not working.

The 87-year-old Tito's medical panel said his condition was very grave and use of an artificial kidney machine and other intensive care was being continued to keep him alive.

"Pneumonia is not retreating despite the application of appropriate antibiotics" the eight doctors said one week after they reported the pneumonia had almost abated.


Tito's doctors had used an experimental American antibiotic in their latest known

attempt to defeat a case of pneumonia first reported Feb. 23.

Doctors had said March 23 they were switching to the new medicine in yet another change in medication aimed at attacking an infection which had grown resistant to other drugs.

Tito is also suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness and internal bleeding problems — complications which developed after the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg.

The presidential medical panel said again Saturday that Tito's kidneys were still not functioning and that a dialysis machine was being used daily to take their place.



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Outlines plans in interview

Overburdened Deng to resign

PEKING, April 12 (AP) — Still vigorous and overburdened with work at 75, Communist China's Deng Xiaoping says he will resign as senior vice premiership to make way for younger and more robust people.

But he will retain his vice-chairmanship of the Communist party central committee, the well-spring of his extraordinary power.

He said this in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press in the Great Hall of the People in Peking.

He also said China now has a collective leadership and it is "stupid guesswork" to speculate on the ups and downs of the party central committee.

He conceded however, that Communism has room for a special role to be played by "a certain particular principal leader."

He cited the late "great helmsman" Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, but some analysts think, despite his modest disclaimers, Deng also occupies such a niche.

Chinese these days, Deng said, are speaking out freely and without fear. He cited a university professor who "just went haywire" in a speech criticizing Sino-American relations as "merely practical."

Dressed in a sharply pressed gray Mao suit and gray socks, instead of his customary white, Deng smoked continuously during the 10-minute interview. He looked healthy and it was conceded that smoking was a habit he could not break.

Here are some of the questions and answers from the interview.

Q. I am going to try to emulate the vice premier and retire at 85.

A. You're not quite emulating me because I plan to retire around 80. Anyway, by 1985 I'll be 81 and even then may not entirely retire. Just serve as an adviser.

Q. That's good news for China.

A. Because you know our new party constitution is going to get rid of lifetime appointments. There has been no formal decision yet, but the general idea is that regardless of the post, one may retain it for two terms or three terms. But that does not preclude the idea that under very special circumstances, you may continue the term.

Carter seeks S. Carolina delegates

COLUMBIA, South Carolina, April 12 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter was expected to win all but a few of South Carolina's 37 delegates at the state convention Saturday, with Senator Edward M. Kennedy making virtually no effort to challenge.

About 2,000 Democrats were meeting at the Carolina Coliseum to wind up the state's delegate-selection process and to determine which of those delegates will represent at the Democratic national convention in New York next summer.

The convention will select the Democratic party candidate for president for the November 1980 elections.

The latest estimates show Carter will win 8 of the state's national delegates, with the



Premier Deng

Q. You mean people with special ability like me and the vice premier. (laughter)

A. Well, I'm not qualified.

Q. How can I say I am then?

A. When I say special circumstances, I don't mean elderly people like myself but rather young people, say someone in his thirties with very exceptional abilities. After three terms he would be only around 50 and still capable. And of course this does not exclude the possibility that there will be some

flexibility for older people with some very special requirements.

Q. What are your own personal plans regarding the vice premiership? Would you step down if the people's congress approves?

A. I personally have this idea, but of course it can come into effect only after being approved. Because people of any age should leave their posts open for younger and more robust people to do the job. But, I of course, I will remain vice chairman of the party. But I could then decrease some of my day to day routine matters. And maybe then I could live a few years longer.

Q. Would you say the leadership of the Communist party more than ever now is a collective one?

A. Yes, we emphasize collective leadership. Because in view of our experience abroad as well as at home, we feel that we need collective leadership.

Q. As in Yenan, where you had violent disagreements but closed ranks after voting?

(Yenan was the Communist capital in the 1930's and 1940's, with headquarters in a cave.)

A. It was very good in those days in Yenan. That was collective leadership. But collective leadership does not exclude the special role of a certain particular principal leader. Chairman Mao was an example. He respected collective leadership very much. Of course, in later years there were some shortcomings.

Q. Would you say that your relationship with others in the party, such as Chairman Hua Guofeng, has its differences but in the long run you agree on the general orientation?

A. That is so. Because it is impossible for people to have completely identical views on every single question. It will do as long as you are at one on the general orientation.

For instance, some people are guessing over who has the upper hand, what people have the upper hand. This is just stupid guesswork because we make decisions in a collective way.

To have different views is only natural. You even might find some statements which are completely contrary to the policies of our party. For instance, a certain professor by the name of Chang Quamdo of Xinhua University who just went haywire in talking about his views in regard to policy. Totally contrary to our present policy, but he just went ahead and said it.



CLASHING WORLDS: The primeval and the modern meet at the Basle, Switzerland, fairgrounds, where a dinosaur, monorail and children's slide have been erected for an agriculture exhibition.

Delhi plans for Assam turned down

GAUHAITI, India, April 12 (R) — Student leaders Saturday rejected proposals made by Premier Indra Gandhi for ending agitation in India's northeastern Assam state, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

But Mrs. Gandhi told a press conference after the talks in the Assam state capital of Gauhati. "I do not know yet whether the talks have failed."

Mrs. Gandhi flew from Delhi to Gauhati for separate talks with the students and politicians in the state where more than 80 people have been killed in agitation against migrant workers since last September.

Mrs. Gandhi said she hoped the leaders of the agitation would respond to her offer to start identifying outsiders who had come to Assam since 1971.

Earlier student leader Prafulla Kumar Mahanta told reporters that this was unacceptable and the students were maintaining their demand that all Bangladeshis, Nepalis and Bengalis who entered Assam since 1951 should be deported.

At her press conference, Mrs. Gandhi did not set a cut-off date, but suggested that work of identifying foreign nationals in Assam should start from 1971, PTI reported.

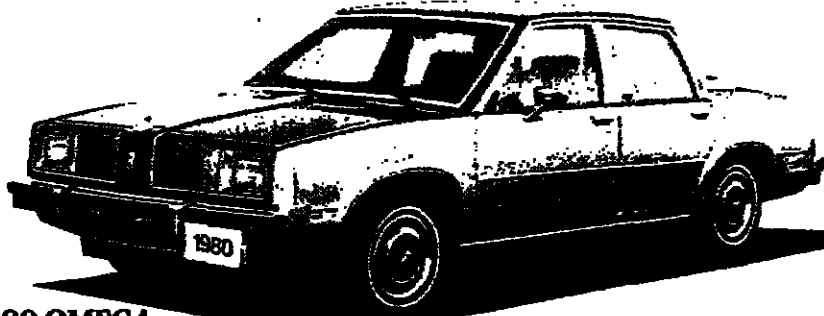
Then hinting at a possible compromise with the students, she said "we do not have a closed mind" on extending the process to previous years.

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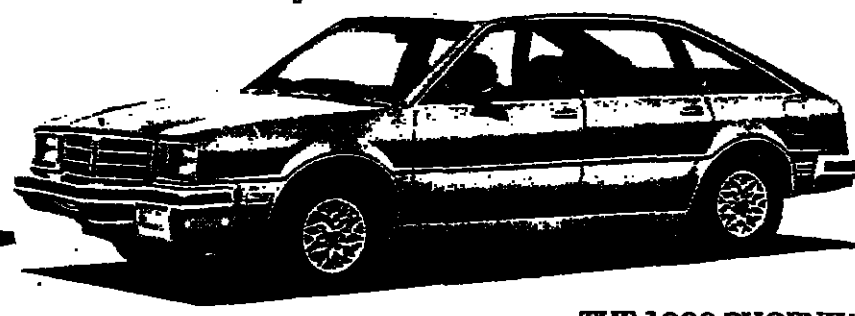
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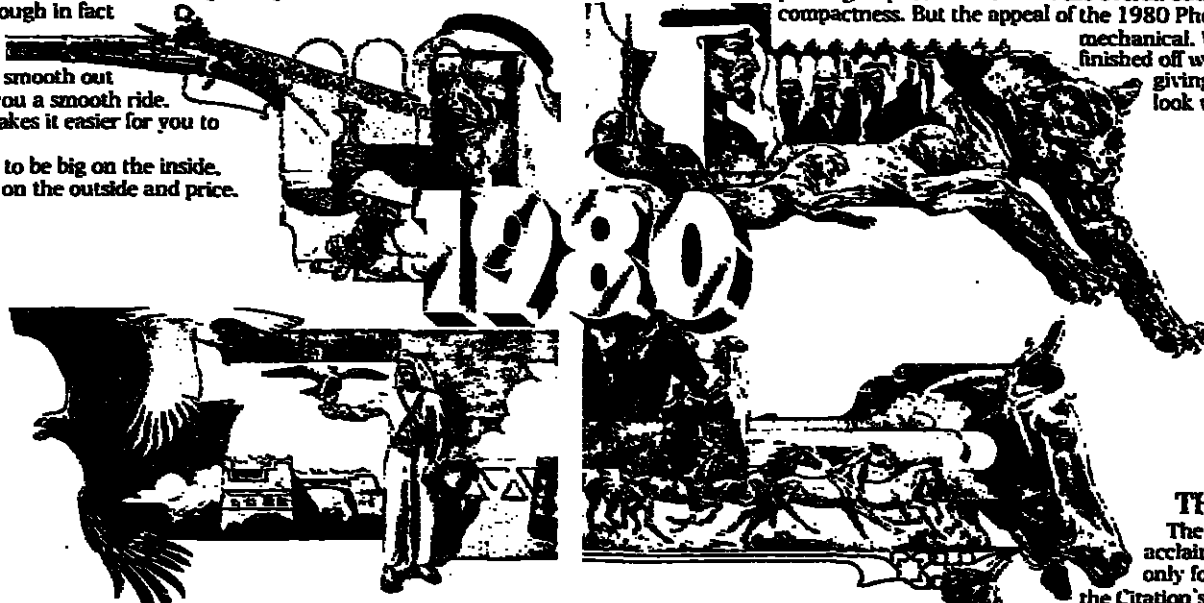
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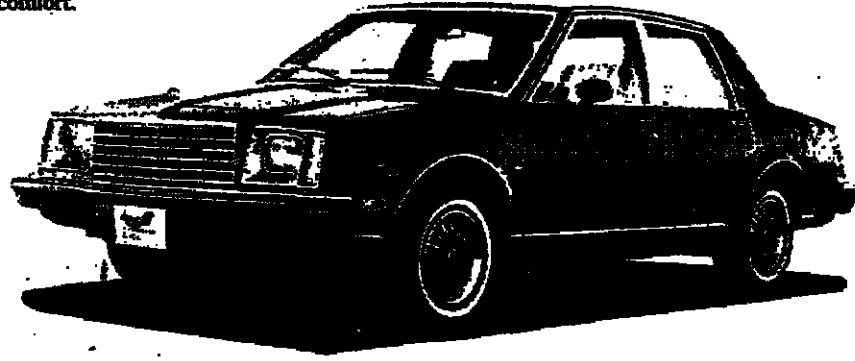
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Ohira issues statement: U.S. relations more vital than Iran oil, Japan says

TOKYO, April 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said Saturday it is only natural that Japan considers its relations with the United States as more important than oil from Iran. Japan's Kyodo News Service reported.

Ohira thus endorsed Foreign Minister Saburo Okita's statement Friday that oil is vital to Japan but that if there were something more important than oil, Japan must give it more consideration than oil.

The prime minister made the remark in Sapporo, Northern Japan, where he attended a local gathering of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Oil stockpiles can offset embargo

LONDON, April 12 (R) — Huge oil stockpiles in consumer countries mean they should be able to cope with any brief interruption of supply from the Gulf area, where Iran is in dispute with the U.S. and its neighbor Iraq, Western oil industry executives said Friday.

But they feel an interruption probably would trigger new price rises, adding that the oil supply situation is fragile and the world is not well-placed to deal with any major, extended disruption.

Iran now produces between 2 and 3 million barrels of oil a day according to oil industry estimates, with Iraq output around 3.5 million. Non-Communist world consumption is running at around 50 million barrels a day.

Fears about supply led industrialized countries to stockpile it in large volume after Iraq's revolution last year.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon, current president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, calculates that stocks are as high as 5 billion barrels, enough to last 100 days without rationing.

Expecting some of this oil to flow onto the market, and taking account of slackened economic growth in the West, he believes oil supply in this present quarter will exceed consumption by about 3 million barrels a day.

"We could lose quite a lot of oil, and you

Kyodo reported Ohira as saying that Japan:

— Will not import more oil from Iran than it did before Iranian students took 50 Americans hostage in Tehran;

— Is continuing to import Iranian crude on a dollar basis;

— Will not extend new credits to that Mideast country.

— "We have done what should be done," Kyodo quoted Ohira as saying.

However, Ohira said the government has not yet decided to what extent it will restrict exports to Iran other than drugs and food as the United States has requested.

They have challenged its April 1 price increase, industry sources said.

The sources did not, however, expect Japan to risk the 500,000 barrels a day of Iranian contract oil it buys by joining U.S. trade sanctions against Iran.

Despite today's stockpiles, government officials and oil company executives admit to being worried about long-term supply prospects, because the anxiety to have secure contracts.

But Ulf Lantzknecht, head of the International Energy Agency (IEA), whose task would be to implement plans to ensure fair shares for all, said this week that he detects no sign of consumer panic.

Analysts, trying to assess how jittery the market will be, watched to see how Iran would fare in its attempt to get Japanese importers. British Petroleum (BP) and the Shell Group to pay an extra \$2.50 a barrel for its oil.

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Swiss F (100)	187.00	192.00	191.60
French F (100)	76.00	77.50	77.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	39.00	38.55
Lebanese Lira (100)		99.00	97.20
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.30	4.40
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.20	12.10
Jordanian Dinar		10.90	10.90
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Omani Riyal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.92	8.92
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Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		82.00	82.25
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JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS

ON THE

12TH APRIL, 1980

26TH J-AWAL, 1400

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival Date
4.	Ostfriesland	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/Contra.	9/4.80
			Gen./Steel/Plt/	
			Ryres	9/4.80
8.	Han Nuri	O.C.E.	Steel/Tyres/Gen./	
10.	Char Cheung	Abdalla	Cont.	7.4.80
11.	Wild Gannet	O.C.E.	Reefer	24.80
12.	White Nile	A.E.T.	Contra/Gen.	10.4.80
18.	Medicament Carrier	Polaico	Bulk Cement	10.4.80
19.	Molda	Alsedeh	Bulk Cement	10.4.80
20.	Bendeang	Alatas	Cns. Food/Gen./	
21.	Capetan Costis	Alsedeh	Contra.	11.4.80
25.	Union Yanko	O.C.E.	Gen./Contra/Rebar	7.4.80
26.	Papagayo	Star	Gen./Std Bars	8.4.80
28.	Universal	Star	C. Goods	9.4.80
			Fruits	
			Gen./Timb/Sorghum/	
29.	Elane	O.C.E.	Maize	8.4.80
30.	Adantic Freezer	O.C.E.	Froz. Chicken	9.4.80
35.	St. Louis	Razayal	Containers	10.4.80
36.	City of Edinburgh	A.E.T.	Containers	10.4.80
41.	Leaves	O.C.E.	Gen./Timber/Rebar	8.4.80

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4.	Hong Kong Island	UEP	Gen/Contra.	9/4.80
5.	Kao Mu	Gosabi	Gen/Contra.	8/4.80
6.	Express	Globe	General	11.4.80
8.	Sonder Hausen	Kanoo	Chemicals	12.4.80
10.	Finn Builder	SMC	Gen/Contra.	11.4.80
11.	Tai Shou	SEA	Sugar in Bags	5.4.80
12.	Chestine Maersk	Kanoo	Gen/Contra/Barley	11.4.80
13.	Mitsa-K	Gosabi	General	10.4.80
17.	Al Yamamah	Kanoo	General	11.4.80
18.	Pangueon	Alireza	Gen/Timber	11.4.80
19.	Ever Safety	Gosabi	Cement in bags	9.4.80
21.	Asia Lark (D.B.)	alireza	Bulk Cement	10.4.80
22.	See Speed Arabia	IACC	ro Ro/Contra.	11.4.80
26N	Al Qurain	Kanoo	Live Sheep	11.4.80
31.	Sunderbans	SEA	General	11.4.80
35.	Ocean Beauty	Kanoo	Cement in Bags	10.4.80
38.	Primula (D.B.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	7.4.80
37.	Siganto	Soeasia	Cement in Bags	6.4.80
20-S	Tug Arctic Moon	Kanoo	Custom Inspection	11.4.80
SCP	Barge Selo Giant	Kanoo	Tankers	11.4.80



LUXURY CRUISER: The former oceanliner "France" is pictured at the outfitting quay of the West Germany Hapag-Lloyd shipyard in Bremerhaven, where the vessel has been reconstructed from a passenger liner into a luxury cruise ship. After 33 weeks of labor, the "Norway" will leave the yard at the end of April for Oslo and the Caribbean Sea.

Japan, EEC envoys meet in Iran

TOKYO, April 12 (AP) — Ambassadors from the nine European Economic Community (EEC) member countries and Japan met Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr in Tehran Saturday, the Kyodo news service reported.

Kyodo, in a dispatch from Tehran, said the Ambassadors asked Bani-Sadr when and under what conditions Iran will free the 50 American hostages being held in Tehran.

Kyodo did not say what the results of the meeting were.

The foreign ministers of the nine Common

Market countries met in Lisbon, Portugal, Thursday and agreed to order their envoys to meet with Bani-Sadr to demand an immediate release of the hostages.

On Friday, Japan decided to associate itself with the European initiative.

Meanwhile, Kyodo said, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh met envoys from Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Norway and Switzerland Saturday to explain the Iranian position and viewpoints after Washington broke diplomatic relations with Iran.

Iran ranks lower in Spain oil imports

MADRID, April 12 (AP) — Spain's Petroleum Refineries Association (Aserepetrol) said Saturday Iran was fourth among the 14 countries from which Spain purchased 8.5 million tons of crude oil in the first two months of this year.

With 765,003 tons, Iran came after No. 1

supplier Saudi Arabia, with 2.3 million; Iraq, with 983,450, and Libya, with 983,099.

Before the revolution that ousted Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Iran was Spain's second largest supplier with around 10 million tons a year, or 20 per cent of national needs.

Britain to loan banks \$ 1.1 billion

LONDON, April 11 (AFP) — The Bank of England decided Friday to make a temporary loan of 500 million pounds (about \$ 1.1 billion) to banks with problems of liquidity.

The present shortage of liquidities is caused by seasonal settlement dates and various recent treasury loan issues.

City of London sources regarded the move as fresh proof of the public authorities' determination to avoid further increases in

interest rates in Britain, now that the growth of the money supply seems to have become satisfactory once again.

Market closes week with 7.4-point gain

NEW YORK, April 12 — Stock prices gave way earlier gains of as much as 4-plus points in active trading. A mixed opening was overcome as stocks advanced throughout the early morning hours with advancing issues leading declining issues by an 8-to-3 margin.

Also in early trading, the NYSE tape ran three minutes late.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials gained 0.08 to finish at 751.55, closing out the week with an advance of 7.42 points.

At today's opening, Citibank's prime (leading rate was unchanged at 20 per cent this afternoon. The Commerce reported a 0.7 per cent increase in business inventories to a seasonally adjusted 434.49 billion.

Friday average: DJIA 793.00 up 1.53; DITA 252.19 down 1.27; DJIA 106.7 up .64; DJIA 289.50 up .18 volume: 25,540 AMEX 248.35 up .46; NASDAQ comp. 137.96 up .68.

Most active: IBM 94 off 1/8 to 33 1/4, Sony Corp. 51 1/2 up 1/8 to 52, AMDL 1 and 1/4 up 1/8 to 50 1/2, POGO 351 up 1/8 to 50 1/2, Simon Inc. 24 1/2 up 1/8 to 24 3/4, Amer. Bldg. 21 1/2 up 1/8 to 21 3/4, Eastern Kodak 201 up 1/8 to 49 1/2, Texco 18 1/2 up 1/8 to 18 3/4, Howard Johnson 168 down 1/8 to 15 1/2.

Most advanced: Southdown Inc. 3 to 54 1/2, Apache 2 1/2 to 29 1/2, Scler Inc. 2 1/2 to 66, Safeguard Business 1 1/2 to 20 1/2, Amer. General Ins. 1 1/2 to 33 1/2, Bldg. Per. Corp. 1 1/2 to 37 1/2, Island Steel 1 1/2 to 29 1/2, Marland Midstream 1 1/2 to 59 1/2 and Reading Beta Offshore Drilling 1 1/2 to 36 1/2.

Lost declines: Superior Oil 2 1/2 to 14 1/2, Telpoint 1 1/2 to 130 1/2, Honeywell 1 1/2 to 73 1/2, Atlantic Richfield 1 1/2 to 86 1/2, Newmont Mining 1 1/2 to 35 1/2, Schlumberger 1 1/2 to 106 1/2, Joe Mine 1 1/2 to 41 1/2, Dampoint 1 1/2 to 102, Central L.A. Energy Corp. 1 1/2 to 46 1/2, NCR Corp. 1 1/2 to 56 1/2.

As the finish of this writing, the DJIA moved into negative territory off 77 to 790.70 with advancing issues still holding a lead over declines 945 to 568 with 358 such.

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U.S. economy could improve as work force size drops

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — As dismal as the U.S. economic climate may be at the start of the 1980s, some wall street analysts believe there are forces already at work could brighten it significantly as the decade passes.

The source of their optimism is the hanging shape of the U.S. population itself — specifically, a declining number of people reaching working age. All through the 1970s, they note, millions of people born during the post-World War II baby boom reached maturity and sought jobs, putting heavy demands on the economy. The influx of women into the market intensified the pressures.

But because the number of births dropped off markedly by the early 1960s — a "baby bust" following the boom — those demands can be expected to ease in the decade ahead.

When the figures from this month's nationwide census are compiled, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has said it expects the 1980 U.S. population to amount to about 222 million.

That would be 9 per cent more than in 1970, marking one of the smallest gains during any decade in the country's history.

Sun Oil to buy seagram land

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — Sun Co. Inc., the United States' 10th-largest oil company, has signed a preliminary agreement to buy the U.S. oil and gas properties of the Seagram Co. Ltd., the world's biggest liquor distiller.

The \$ 2.3 billion purchase, one of the largest in oil industry history, came as Sun stepped up a drive to increase its North American energy reserves.

Announcement of the preliminary agreement with the Montreal-based distiller was made by the two companies Friday, three hours after a deadline set by Sun on the offer it made Monday.

The deal also involves a lot of property: Seagram's U.S. oil and gas interests include more than 3 million acres (1.2 million hectares) of unexplored land.

The Seagram properties are owned by Texas Pacific Oil Co. of Dallas, which the Canadian company bought 17 years ago.

Sun spokesman Kurt van Vliet said Sun, based in Radnor, Penn., is offering to spend up to \$ 400 million over its purchase price to develop the Texas Pacific properties, which are located primarily in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Rocky Mountain States.

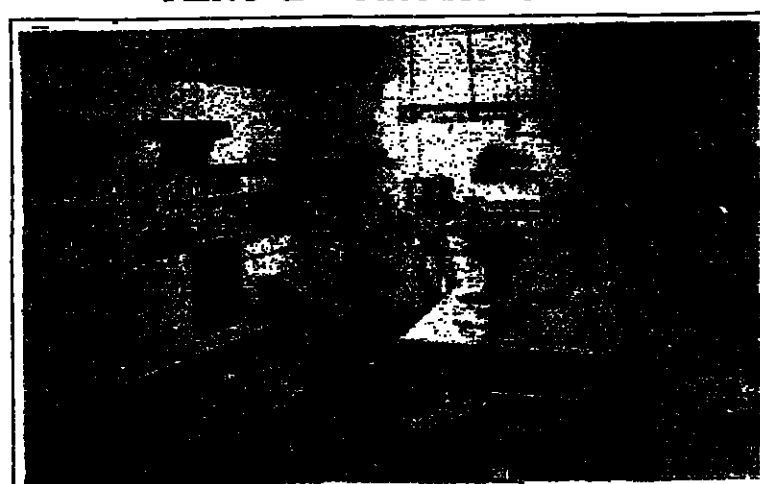
Texas Pacific produces about 35,000 barrels of oil and 1500 million cubic feet of gas daily in the United States and has proved U.S. reserves of about 120 million barrels of oil and 300 billion cubic feet of gas.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closin Date
Directorate General of Telegraph and Telex, Jeddah	Construction of offices for outgoing cables and telex messages in Jeddah	1	50	May 4
Directorate General of Telegraph and Telex, Jeddah	Repairs to Telegraph and Telex building in Taif	2-19-400	50	May 4
Directorate of Education, Medina	Supply of sports uniforms and equipment	17		May 1
" " "	Supply of equipment and raw materials for technical education	18		May 1
" " "	Supply of scouts equipment	19		May 1
Municipality of Neairiah	Sanitation of town and its subsidiaries	3000		May 5

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68	18%	Bovis	0.48	(NT)
75	17%	Brick Ltd	1.38	(NT)
25%	26%	Cycle & Carriage	3.02	2.87
24%	26	Cycle Development	1.98	1.84
21	20%	Cold Storage	2.98	2.94
21	16%	Cons. P&S	2.20	2.20
24%	87%	D.B.S.	4.80	4.56
21	21	F & N	5.90	5.85
40%	41%	Hean Bros.	1.51	1.48
25%	30%	Incandes	2.38	2.25
25%	30%	Iand P&L	(NT)	(NT)
25%	30%	James Matheson	(NT)	(NT)
25%	30%	Kempas	1.76	(NT)
17%	17%	KL Kapong	4.24	4.24
19	19%	Malayan Banking	8.00	8.00
27%	26%	Malayan Tobacco	6.60	6.55
80%	80%	N. Borneo Timber	1.89	1.88
25%	25%	National Iron	5.70	5.70
33%	34%	O.C.B.C.	8.05	8.09
10%	6%	Rothmans	4.40	4.38
30%	30%	Satron	6.00	6.00
16	15%	Sing Sing	3.40	3.40
25%	25%	Singapore Land	3.42	3.38
55%	55	Straits	8.35	8.35
20%	20%	T. Harbour	(NT)	(NT)
25%	25%	Terngonggong	(NT)	(NT)
25%	25%	Transtone Malayan	1.00	1.00
6%	6%	Tronoh	(NT)	(NT)
25%	25%	U.O.B.	3.95	3.92
25%	25%	William Jago & Co.	1.82	1.83
SYDNEY 				
		Closing	Closing	
		Apr 6	Apr 6	
		Price	Price	
83%	87%	ACI	2.38	2.32
83%	86%	AGC	1.93	1.98
86%	89%	Allied	5.99	5.90
67%	68%	Amstel	2.13	2.13
1%	1%	Amstel	1.87	1.80
14%	14%	Amstel Ex.	1.95	1.91
4%	4%	ANZ	5.45	5.45
39%	40%	Amstel	2.27	2.27
125%	131	Austrian	2.60	2.60
3%	3%	Associated Min.	2.90	2.70
3%	3%	Bank NSW	3.80	3.80
86%	86%	BHP	12.10	12.10
80%	80%	BH	4.12	4.20
77%	77%	Brougess	1.20	1.25
34%	34%	Burgundy	1.95	1.90
47%	47%	Carlton United	1.82	1.84
21	21	Cent	1.73	1.71
39%	39%	CBA	2.75	2.75
50	51	Central	62.08	62.08
11%	11%	Central	6.10	6.06
39%	39%	CMP	(NT)	3.18
4%	4%	Consolidated	1.80	1.80
77%	81	Comstar	4.65	4.50
40%	40%	Cons. Gold	(NT)	5.90
39%	39%	CRA	1.06	1.06
39%	39%	CSR	5.14	5.05
39%	39%	Cuthbert	1.35	1.35
40%	40%	Develp	0.70	0.70
79%	81	Elder Smith GW	2.60	2.60

Chicago Corp.	26%	114
Cummins Inc.	28%	287
Penn	5%	6%
Florida Power & L.I.	23%	25%
and Motor	29%	29%
Electric	30%	30%
General Corp.	8%	8%
AFC Corp.	24%	84
NATX Corp. Pl.	26%	29%
Chemical Mfg.	29%	30
In. In. Engr.	37%	854
In. Electric	46%	47
Industrial Foodst.	25%	26
Genetic	42%	42
General Mills	43%	43
General Motors	43%	25
In. Pub. Util.	5%	5%
In. Tel. Syst.	23%	23
General Tl.	13%	13%
nessco Inc.	7	7
Oil	29%	247
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ette	19%	19%
doddridge B.F.	18%	19%
Inc.	11%	11%
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Lyman Corp.	15%	15%	
Manoan Corp.	21%	22%	
Mar & Western	18%	17%	
Marshall	57%	40	
Marzani H.	36%	35	
McGraw-Hill	16%	16%	
Midwest Packard	80%	80%	
Ministry Hotel	28%	28%	
Mississippi River	12%	14%	
Monetteville Hl.	43%	44%	
Morgan	72%	73%	
Morsehead Pn.	13%	13%	
Murphy	17%	17%	
National Industries	20%	20%	
National International	11%	11%	
Nor Ltd.	23	24	
Northwestern Fund	30	49%	
Northwestern Steel	27	27	
Northwestern	53%	54%	
Oil Flavors	19%	19%	
Oil Products	24%	25%	
Oil, N. & Chem.	32	31%	
Paper	32	28%	
P. Tel. & Tel.	28%	28%	
P. Tel. & Tel.	34	34%	
Public Bank Corp.	24%	24%	

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30 Industrials	78%
20 Transport	23%
15 Utilities	10%
35 Stocks	28%


Air Liquide	
Alstom	
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Level Cost	24%	24%	CFF
Marbleville	18%	18%	CIC
Johnson & Johnson	71%	71%	Generale Electric
General Electric	74%	74%	Eastman
Manufacturing	30%	31%	Esso
Steel Corp.	18%	18%	Ford
Aluminum	19%	19%	Fr. Petrol
Steel	71%	71%	Fr. Petrols
Rockwell Co.	17%	19%	Gastar Lafayette
McCormick	29%	27%	Hachette
International	32%	33%	Intel
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Interline	38%	43%	Kaiser Cables
Co.	41%	43%	Laforce
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21	21	Cent	1.73	1.71
39%	39%	CBA	2.75	2.75
50	51	Central	62.08	62.08
11%	11%	Central	6.10	6.06
39%	39%	CMP	(NT)	3.18
4%	4%	Consolidated	1.80	1.80
77%	81	Comstar	4.65	4.50
40%	40%	Cons. Gold	(NT)	5.90
39%	39%	CRA	1.06	1.06
39%	39%	CSR	5.14	5.05
39%	39%	Cuthbert	1.35	1.35
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17%	17%	Hawkins	1.70	1.70
17%	41%	Hoodler	0.93	0.93
14%	14%	Jennings Industries	0.89	0.89
		Kathleen	1.10	1.10
17%	17%	Land Lessee	3.40	3.40
27%	27%	Langston	3.30	3.40
39%		Mount Bruce	0.90	0.90
19%	19%	Metals Ex.	1.20	1.20
26%	26%	MILL	4.28	4.33
27%	27%	Mylar	0.71	0.71
19%	19%	Nayer	1.62	1.60
21%	21%	Nat. Burti	2.68	2.68
21%	21%	Nicholson	1.32	1.32
15%	15%	North Bridge Hill	2.90	2.93
4%	4%	Onbridge	3.30	3.25
22%	22%	Oil Services	3.21	3.23
22%	22%	Pancontinental	5.00	6.00
		Peco-Wallend	7.40	7.70
7%	7%	Pitt	0.77	0.77
53	53	Pioneer Concrete	1.95	1.94
		Realstar	5.40	5.40
27%	28%	Queensland Mines	17.00	17.00
9	9	Randco	1.05	1.05
		Robco	1.10	1.10
		Robt	8.20	8.20
		Saharal	1.00	1.00
		Shl. Shl. Shl.	1.08	1.08
		Shl. Shl. Shl.	14.20	15.00

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131.00	130.50	Kajima	273	272
389.00	388.00	Kanemi & Power	795	800
128.00	129.00	Kanemi Steel	280	281
285.50	287.00	Komatsu	360	368
339.00	339.00	Kubota	365	365
285.00	285.00	Kumagai Gumi	285	285
248.00	249.00	Mitsubishi Chemical	252	245
182.00	184.00	Mitsubishi Electric	196	187
236.00	236.00	Nippon Heavy Ind.	178	178
109.00	109.20	Mitral Co.	326	317
149.00	145.00	Mitsumi Electric	533	533
58.00	57.60	Nippon Oil	2,240	2,270
220.50	223.90	Nippon Steel	120	125
41.00	41.70	Nippon Steel	413	413
201.50	201.50	Nissan Motor	1,770	1,800
621.00	620.00	Nitchai	543	538
58.00	58.00	Sharp	513	513
53.70	53.70	Sanyo	1,650	1,680
770	777	Sankyo Chem.	136	136
498.00	499.00	Takachi	473	473
77.00	77.40	Tekin	215	214
620.00	624.00	Tojo Machine Pm.	587	587
43.00	45.00	Toshiba Elec.	122	182
197.00	200.00	Toysoko	402	402
97.50	98.50	Toyo Soda	373	380

\$77.00	\$79.00		
\$61.00	\$61.00		
\$27.00	\$28.00		
\$27.00	\$28.00		
\$27.00	\$28.00		
\$22.00	\$24.00		
\$17.00	\$19.00		
\$47.00	\$72.00		
\$20.00	\$24.00		
\$17.00	\$18.00		
\$41.00	\$41.00		
\$22.00	\$24.00		
\$23.00	\$26.00		
\$26.00	\$25.00		
\$79.00	\$79.00		
\$12.00	\$13.00		
\$17.00	\$18.00		
\$33.00	\$33.00		
\$1.00	\$1.00		
\$1.00	\$1.00		
\$70.00	\$71.00		
\$40.00	\$40.00		
\$28.00	\$29.00		
\$47.00	\$48.00		
\$13.00	\$13.00		
\$9.00	\$9.00		

ZURICH		ZURICH	
		Closing	Closing
		Apr. 6	Apr. 10
Alouise	1195	1195	1195
Art Lili	630	630	630
BOB (Beaver)	1810	1820	1820
Babe	2505	2505	2505
Chae (Georgy)	1015	1015	1015
Che (Georgy) (Non-Yu)	760	770	770
Columbus	640	640	640
Credit Suisse	2130	2150	2150
Deutsche	2045	2045	2045
Fischer (George)	730	735	735
Holler	522	524	524
Indefinite	5025	5025	5025
Jaillon (F. M.)	1260	1260	1260
Lamont & Coy (Eng.)	1280	1275	1275
Nelson (Beaver)	3470	3470	3470
Pleurovent	255	257	257
Sandoz (Beaver)	3735	3550	3550
Sandoz (Non-Ying)	425	425	425
Saurer (Beaver)	770	770	770
Saurer (Non-Ying)	1310	1310	1310

372.80	315.00	SSRI	6110 Bld	470 850
328.50	244.50	Solar (Reg)	2780	270 370
414.00	300.00	Solar (Inv)	2780	270 370
102.70	103.00	Swissair (Share)	752	758
7700	7700	Swiss Bank Corp	348	357
418.00	445.00	Swiss Re-In (Br)	3250	3275
687.00	687.00	Union Bank	1195	1240
35.10	35.30	Volcanair	3180	3240
157.50	158.00	Winterthur Acc (Br)	2210	2275
318.00	325.00	Zurich Ins (Br)	1200	1275
414.00	415.00			
570.00	570.00			
30.00	32.10			
215.00	216.00			

BOND CLOSING	
Closing	Closing
Apr. 16	Apr. 9
2.80	2.79
4.38	4.34

x = Ex div.; rx = Ex corp issue; rd =
 dividend; x = Ex rights; (NT) = Not Trad
 SUSP = Suspended; UNAV = Unavailable.

BONDS

Kuwait Bond Market and recent Kuwait
 Dinar Bond Issue available when available
 from source.

EXCHANGE RATES اسعار العملات الدولية

U.S.\$		الدولار	SDR		السلة النقدية
London Interbank Spot Dollar Middle Rates as quoted by Bank of America IFC			Exchange Rates for the IMF's SDR		
	Apr. 10	Apr. 9	U.S. Dollar	Apr. 9	Apr. 8
Britain	2.1783	2.1643	Australian Dollar	1.25942	1.25313
Switzerland	1.7185	1.7145	US Dollar	1.17079	1.17039
Italy	875.000	880.000	Austrian Schilling	13.7616	13.7616
France	4.3750	4.3450	Belgian Franc	33.2435	33.9955
W. Germany	1.8915	1.8915	Canadian Dollar	1.48013	1.48689
Netherlands	2.0715	2.0675	Danish Krone	6.55750	6.52229
Belgian C.	36.480	36.310	French Franc	55.15600	56.12150
Spain	166.217	167.810	Italian Lira	88.8779	88.8779
Denmark	5.8925	5.8790	Japanese Yen	153.79	153.79
Norway	5.5990	5.5790	Dutch Guilder	324.678	324.678
Sweden	4.6720	4.6720	Portuguese Escudo	20.0692	20.0692
Japan	251.450	251.200	Spanish Peseta	166.372	166.372
Austria	13.425	13.425	Pound Sterling	0.679443	0.679443
Finland	5.0000	5.0000	Saudi Arabian Riyal	4.18757	4.17366
Australia	1.1712	1.1706	South African Rand	96.4372	96.4372
Greece	1.0683	1.0683	Swedish Kroner	5.54019	5.54019
Spain	71.575	71.575	Danish Krone	7.43558	7.51828
Portugal	9.824	9.824	Russian Ruble	14.9370	14.9370
Yugoslavia	42.970	42.970	Indonesian Rupiah	792.175	792.175
China	47.575	47.575	Kuwait Dinar	0.347435	0.347435
India	72.150	72.150	Singapore Dollar	0.747575	0.747575
Malaysia	72.150	72.150	Thai Baht	26.3622	26.3622
Philippines	72.150	72.150	South African Rand	10.1796	10.0636
Thailand	72.150	72.150	British Pound	2.53702	2.51014
U.A.E. Dirham	72.150	72.150	U.S. Dollar	1.00000	1.00000
Venezuela Bolivar	5.40566	5.40566	Japanese Yen	153.792	153.792

April 10		THE ECU	الدرايم
USA	2.1855-2.1875		
Canada	2.9235-2.9265		
Switzerland	3.8875-3.9225		
W. Germany	4.1300-4.1450		
France	5.5555-5.5755		
Netherlands	4.5225-4.5335		
Belgian C.	65.50-67.00		
Belgian F.	65.85-69.05		
Sweden	9.5500-9.6100		
Denmark	12.8250-12.8500		
Norway	11.1000-11.1250		
Italy	19.9150-19.9350		
Spain	157.56-160.00		
Portugal	10.750-11.075		
Austria	23.51-23.65		
Japan	548.15-549.85		
Ireland	1.100-1.1055		
		Exchange Rates for the ECU	
		Official Brussels Fixing	
		April 10	
F/B/Lux Con		40.2221	
Deutsche Mark		2.92042	
Dutch Guilder		3.70259	
Swedish Skilling		2.00247	
Danish Krone		7.25229	
French Franc		5.58153	
Italian Lira		1159.254	
Irish Pound		0.873261	
US Dollar		1.33783	
Swiss Franc		2.92526	
Spanish Peseta		95.6126	
Swedish Krona		8.57161	
Norwegian Krone		8.90740	
Canadian Dollar		1.57550	
Portuguese Escudo		67.4252	
Austrian Schilling		17.8864	
Finland Markka		5.11709	
		325.587	

USA	Apr. 9	1.8090	1.8730	Greek Drachmas	55.1916
Britain	4.7280	4.0890			
Ireland	3.7350	3.7590			
Canada	1.2510	1.2545			
Netherlands	91.445	91.320			
Norway	105.300	105.415			
Belgium	6.231	6.210			
France	43.380	43.175			
Denmark	32.000	32.000			
Norway	37.240	36.850			
Sweden	43.000	43.000			
Switzerland	2.110	2.110			
Austria	12.955	12.954			
Spain	16.500	16.500			
Portugal	3.750	3.715			
Japan	0.7475	0.7485			
Yen	68.200	68.200			

GOLD الذهب

Closing Gold Prices
(in US Dollars per troy ounce)

● London	Apr. 9	Apr. 10
● Paris	UNAV	327.50
● Frankfurt	UNAV	336.95
● Zurich	UNAV	338.00
● Hong Kong	UNAV	542.33

● Afternoon Fixing

COMMODITIES		اسعار السلع والمعادن	
London Commodity and Metal Exchange Closing Prices		COCOA	
		Apr. 8 Closing	Apr. 9 Closing
May	1406-1405	1395-1394	
July	1413-1414	1401-1400	
September	1420-1420	1427-1426	
December	1428-1425	1458-1456	

Pounds Sterling per metric ton (except Silver)

ALUMINUM		الuminum	
	Closing	Apr. 10	
	Apr. 9	Closing	
	\$ c per tonne		
Spot	850-854	850-852	
Three months	850-854	850-852	
Sales	450 tons	4,000 tons	
Market stable			
COPPER		نحاس	
	\$ c per tonne		
Winsters			
Cash	975-976	955-957	
Three months	1005-1008	986-987	
Sales	6,475 tons	16,000 tons	
Market barely steady			
Cathodes	941-944		
Cash	957-958	955-958	
Three months	975-978	959-960	
Sales	1,450 tons	100 tons	
Market quiet			
LEAD		الرصاص	
	Closing	Apr. 10	
	Apr. 9	Closing	
	\$ c per tonne		
Spot	1510-1512	1509-1510	
Three months	1510-1512	1509-1510	
Sales	1545-1525	1525-1515	
Total sales: 2,133 tons of 10 tonnes.			
ROBUSTA COFFEE		قهوة	
	\$ c per tonne		
May	1680-1650	1650-1655	
July	1894-1891	1895-1894	
September	1726-1721	1715-1716	
November	1723-1728	1721-1722	
January	1725-1715	1715-1710	
March	1690-1698	1698-1695	
May	1688-1690	1700-1690	
Sales: 3,455 tons of 5 tonnes.			
ICO COFFEE		اسعفاة اللين	
	\$ c per tonne		
Other Mild Arabicas	178.67	162.50	
Robustas	180.00	160.00	
Camp. Daily Prices (1976)	168.81	171.25	
30 Day Moving Average	175.11	171.25	
Other Mild Rob. (1964)	189.96	171.25	
Colombians	191.50	193.00	
Unwashed Arabicas	204.24	193.00	
Camp. Daily Prices (1968)	183.76	194.25	
Robust-Hamburg Price	Closed	194.25	
BREMER		رصاص	

CASHEW		Peanut per kilo	
Cash	£ per tonne	May	67.30-67.50 67.00-67.20
Three months	490-495 471-472	June	69.00-69.10 68.20-68.90
Sales	467-468 451-451.5	July-Sept.	71.30-71.40 70.70-70.80
	6,375 tons 3,700 tons	Oct.-Dec.	73.70-73.80 74.50-74.60
Market barely steady		Jan.-March	76.10-76.20 77.70-77.90
NICKEL نيكيل		April-June	80.40-81.20
	£ per tonne	July-Sept.	83.90-84.20
Spot	2950-2955 2945-2955	Oct.-Dec.	86.00-86.40
Three months	2930-2965 2950-2980	Jan.-March	88.40-88.50
Sales	354 tons 300 tons	Market closed early	
Market steady at lower levels		SUGAR سكر خام	
SILVER فضة		Sugar Prft.	
	£ per tonne	Corim. Cont.	£ per tonne ton
Spot	797-800 700-703	May	241.10-241.00 236.50-236.30
Three months	820-822 725-730	August	251.20-251.05 245.00-245.70
Sales	67 warrants 62 warrants	October	256.00-255.50 250.50-250.54
Market steady at lower levels		Futures volume 5,825 lots of 50 tonnes each	
TIN القصدير		Tons: irregular	
	£ per tonne	WOOL صوف	
Standard	(NT)	October	(Greasy Wool) (NT)
	(NT)	December	(NT)
	(NT)	March	(NT)
	(NT)	June	(NT)

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World	Apr. 8	Apr. 8	
	110.7	112.3	UP 1.6
	100.4	101.1	UP 0.7
U.S. (1)	111.4	113.4	UP 1.9
France	106.3	108.2	UP 1.9
Japan	247.0	246.6	DO 0.4
Canada (2)	172.3	178.3	UP 6.0
Germany	80.5	80.8	UP 0.3
Italy	111.3	113.5	UP 2.2
Australia	104.7	103.5	UP 1.2
Spain	51.4	51.5	UP 0.1
Switzerland	83.9	83.6	DN 0.3
Netherlands	90.0	89.8	DN 0.2
Belgium	90.6	90.5	DN 0.1
Italy	67.8	67.8	DO 0.0
Sweden	100.7	100.5	DN 0.2
Denmark	202.0	202.8	UP 0.8
Norway	111.4	112.1	UP 0.8
Austria	113.1	130.7	DN 0.8

(1) NYSE (2) TSE

Index converted to 1 Jan 1970 Base

Base 1 Jan 1970 equals 100

Paraguay (1 3/32 inch)
 Apr-May 1970 offered (1 1/2 inch).
 Mexico (1 1/16 inch steel eroding).
 Apr-May 84.50 offered (91.25).
 American Coastal Group (1 3/32 inch).
 Apr-May 83.50 offered (83.50).

ROTTERDAM (WSE) **المنح**

Prices CIF* (to US No. 2 Northern and/or Western Dutch Port)

	Prices in US Dollars
Spot	210.00
April-May	210.00
May-June	210.00
June-July	210.00
July-August	210.00

SOYBEAN MEAL **فول الصويا**

Spot	223.00	223.00
UNQ	223.00	223.00
May	UNQ	215.00
June	UNQ	218.00
Apr-May	UNQ	221.00
June	227.00	227.00
Nov-Dec	227.00	227.00

BEEBLE BAILY

WHICH WAY DID SARGE GO, OTTO?

THANKS

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, BEETLE?

TRAITOR!

IF HE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT DOGS, HE'D KNOW I'M NOT A POINTER

BLONDIE

HONEY, DAISY'S STILL OUTSIDE—YOU'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN AND CALL HER

Z

CHEEEEEE

SHE DIDN'T ANSWER

DAGWOOD, CHLOE HASN'T ANSWERED IN 60 YEARS!

B.C.

SHOW ME A MAN WHO CAN STAND ON HIS OWN TWO FEET ...

AND I'LL SHOW YOU A MAN WHO OWNS TWO SQUARE FEET OF LAND.

HAGAR

SHOULDN'T HAGAR HAVE THAT OUT?

OH, YOU KNOW MEN—AFRAID TO GO TO THE DOCTOR

HE'D RATHER WALK AROUND LOOKING LIKE A CHICKEN!

WIZARD

WHY DON'T YOU AND THE WIFE COME OVER FOR DINNER?

CAN I BRING ANYTHING?

MEAT

SMALL SOCIETY

A LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT OWES THEM A LIVING—

BY NEXT TUESDAY THEY'LL FIND OUT THEY'VE GOT IT BACKWARDS—

arab news CALENDAR

DHAHRAN TV

SAUDI RADIO

4:30 Children's Show	Ses St No. 1237: Woody Woodpecker: Tragic No. 1
5:55 Ballet Shoes	My Fair Fonzie
6:21 Happy Days	The Whipping Boy
6:45 Dick Turpin	Social Change
7:09 The Mighty Micro	Hundred Thousand men
7:36 American Girls	Ghost Mailer
8:24 Paris	The Hypocrites
9:13 Luke's Kingdom	

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
Reports: Actualities:	America: Letter
Opinion: Analyses	Cultural: Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English:	VOA WORLD REPORT
News: Feature: The	Midnight
Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music U.S.A.	12:00 News newsmakers:
(Standards)	voices: correspondents
10:00 News Roundup	reports: background
Reports: Actualities:	features: media
10:05 Opening Analyses	announcements: news analyses.

PHARMACIES

(Open Sunday Night)

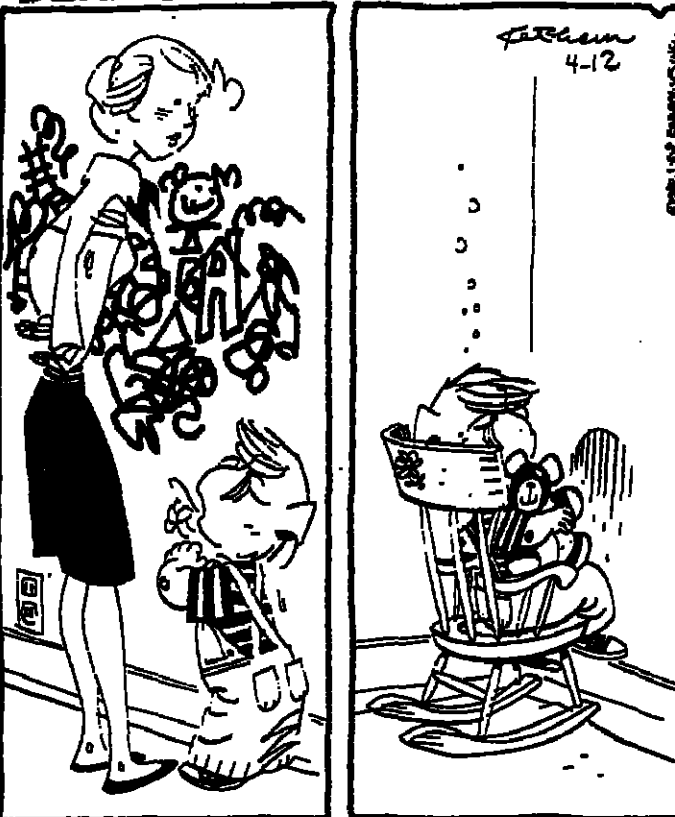
JEDDAH	Tel.
Al-Mohaitain Pharmacy	26435
University Pharmacy	NR5037
MECCA	
Al-Hikmah Pharmacy	43971
Al-Nuzha Pharmacy	35507
TAIF	
Al-Sharq Pharmacy	
Al-Hayat Pharmacy	
DAMMAM	
Universal Pharmacy	
AL-KHOBAR	
Al-Sharq Pharmacy	41327
HOFUF	
Ibn Sinu Pharmacy	23553

(English Service)	
On FM at 98 Megahertz in 3.2 meter band	
On SW at 11.855 Mhz in 25 meter band	
On MW at 1485 Kilohertz in 202 meter band	
MONDAY	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Champions of Solidarity	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 Jeddah Highlights
2:30 Hits in Germany	9:45 Pioneers of Knowledge
3:00 NEWS	10:00 A Viewpoint
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Arabic Song	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 Dream Land
3:50 Closedown	11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
	11:15 In Concert
	11:45 On Islam
	12:30 Music
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

BBC

Morning Transmission	Evening Transmission	Books and Writers
8:00 World News	1:15 Ulster in Focus	8:30 Take Out
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours	1:30 Discovery	8:45 Sports Round-up
News Summary	2:00 World News	9:00 World News
8:30 World Today	2:09 News about Britain	9:05 News about Britain
8:45 World Today	2:15 Alphabet of Musical	9:10 Radio Newsworld
9:00 Newsday	2:30 Curious	9:15 Farming World
9:30 Opera Star	2:30 Sports International	10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:00 World News	2:40 Radio Newsworld	10:39 Stock Market Report
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	3:15 Promenade Concert	10:45 Ulster in Focus
News Summary	3:45 Sports Round-up	11:00 World News
10:30 Sarah Ward		11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
10:45 Something to		News Summary
Show You		12:15 Talkabout
11:00 World News		12:45 Nature Notebook
11:09 Reflections		1:00 World News
11:15 Piano Style		1:09 World Today
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978		1:25 Pastoral News
12:00 World News		1:35 Book Choice
12:09 British from Review		1:40 Reflections
12:15 World Today		1:45 Sports Round-up
12:30 Financial News		2:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead		2:09 Commentary
12:45 The Tony Myster		2:15 The Face of England

DENNIS the MENACE



"ARE YOU GONNA BELIEVE YOUR OWN EYES, OR ARE YA GONNA BELIEVE ME?"

"DUMB QUESTION."

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

There's Absolutely Nothing to It

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	EAST
♠ K 2	♠ —
♥ 9 8 7 4 3	♥ —
♦ A 5 2	♦ K Q J 7 6 4
♣ 10 8 6	♣ Q J 9 7 4 3 2
SOUTH	WEST
♠ A 3	♠ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4
♥ A K Q J 10	♥ —
♦ 10 9 8	♦ —
♣ A K 5	♣ —

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	4♣	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.

This deal, sent to me by a reader, is a variation of an old theme. South gets to five hearts and West leads the queen of spades. How should declarer play the hand after he covers the queen with the king and East signals with the seven of diamonds?

It's a difficult problem to solve, but mostly because it features a play you've probably never seen. It seems that you must lose two diamonds and a club, come

what may, and that you'll have to go down one.

However, there's a simple solution to the problem, and it does not matter whether or not you see the East-West cards. All you have to do to make the contract is play your ace of spades on dummy's king at trick one!

It is obvious from East's diamond discard that he not only has no spades but that he also has no hearts. He would surely ruff dummy's king of spades if he had been dealt a trump to ruff with.

It necessarily follows that West must have started with nine spades and three hearts, and that his only other card is either a diamond or a club. This is very reassuring, since it means you can now guarantee the contract. You overtake the king of spades with the ace at trick one, draw three rounds of trumps, cash the A-K of clubs and ace of diamonds and exit with a spade.

West is forced to win the spade and return a spade. On this trick you discard a diamond from dummy and a club from your hand. When West continues with another spade, you discard dummy's last diamond as you ruff the spade in your hand. As a result, you make the contract, since dummy is now out of diamonds and you are out of clubs. That's all there is to it!

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Believe It or Not!

AN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY WAS FOUNDED BY AUBREY KHAM IN PEKING, CHINA, IN THE 13TH CENTURY.

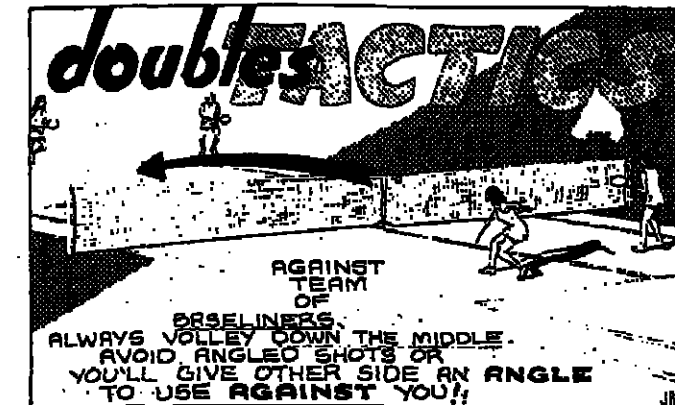
FREDERIC FORREST

THE MOVIE ACTOR WAS CAST AS AN 18-YEAR-OLD BOY WHEN HE WAS 35

BICYCLES

USED A CENTURY AGO WERE CALLED "PENNY-FARTHING" BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE BETWEEN THE LARGE FRONT WHEEL AND THE SMALL REAR WHEEL WAS PROPORTIONATE TO THE SIZES OF A LARGE ENGLISH PENNY AND THE SMALL FARTHING.

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Early morning brings new insights. Accent sociability in dealing with others. Short romantic jaunts are favored. Creativity high!

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Inwardly you may be upset about a close one who doesn't seem to understand your concern. A time to enjoy art and cultural endeavors.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You're brimming over with new ideas, but friends may be preoccupied with their own interests. Romance though is favored.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

A friend may have a helpful career tip. If you must discuss business, keep meetings private and confidential for success.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

Get in touch with loved ones at a distance. Unexpected visitors may upset domestic routine, but still a pleasant time in store.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Contacts with important people may socially aid business interests. Avoid

disputes with close allies about joint assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Powers of mental concentration improve. Small difficulties with close ones can be alleviated if you listen to their point of view.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

New ideas for creative projects, though distractions now may interfere with beginnings. Protect nerves and health from upset.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

There may be a change in plans, but romance is definitely on the agenda. Be affectionate with close ones and they will reciprocate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Mentally your perceptions are acute. Despite distractions, you'll enjoy working on a pet project. Invite co-workers over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Not a time to put forth unusual ideas, but local visits may lead to romantic introductions. Evening brings rapport with loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Indecision and extravagance are likely for shoppers now. Buy something of value for the home. Domestic entertainments are favored.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 How droll!

5 Hand-dyed fabric

10 Major Hoople word

11 Straightened out

12 Meander

14 Short jacket

15 Mining find

16 Favoring

17 Cadmus' daughter

18 Total

20 Catnip

21 Different

22 Feel

the loss of

23 Hefty

25 Jocular

26 Brazilian weight

27 Anagram of meat

28 Willie

of rocketry

29 Cash: slang

31 Luan

baking pit

32 Had lunch

33 Prior to tee

35 Kansas city

37 On the house

38 Hooded jacket

39 Israeli port

40 Finnish lake

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Yesterday's Answer

23 Sue Lyon

28 Senegal's capital

24 Windflower

30 French river

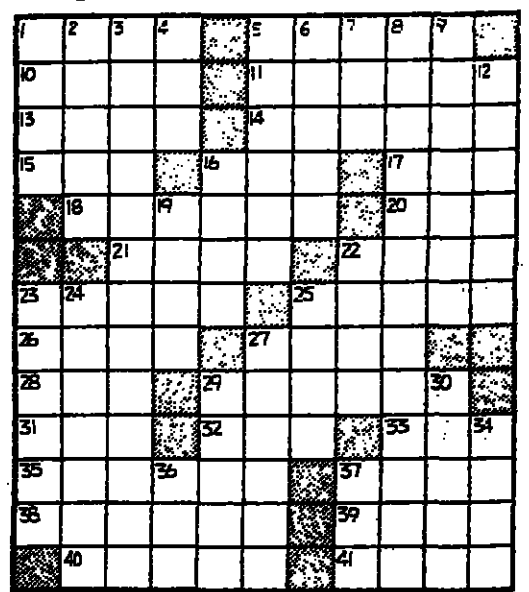
25 Word with house or glass

34 Germ

27 "I pray the Lord my soul

period

37 Craze



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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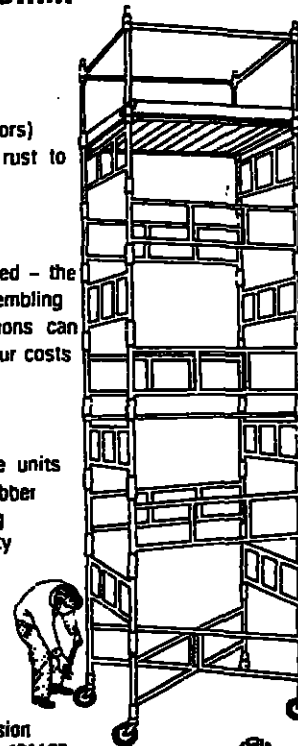
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International

Europe demands hostages' release

TEHRAN, April 12 (Agencies) — Ambassadors from the nine European Economic Community countries met Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr here Saturday to inform him officially of Thursday's resolution by EEC foreign ministers demanding an end to the hostage crisis.

They told him of the EEC's concern over the continued detention in Tehran of the estimated 50 Americans, and delivered a message from the EEC ministers demanding the hostages' immediate release.

The Japanese ambassador was unable to associate himself with the EEC envoys' initiative but was also received by Bani-Sadr. Bani-Sadr countered the EEC that the American hostages be freed with a promise of visits and health care for the captives, but no firm date for their release.

Presidential spokesman Moussavi Garmaoui said Bani-Sadr reiterated to the visiting ambassadors that Iran would retaliate — possibly with an oil embargo against any nation that joins the United States in cutting diplomatic ties and imposing economic sanctions on Iran.

Iranian player attacked by fan

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, April 12 (AP) — Iranian professional basketball player Andranik Eskandarian, the victim of an assault during a game in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is concerned the action will be repeated.

The suspect, identified as 26-year-old Richard Charles Coker, was arrested and charged by local police after he ran on the field with 45 seconds remaining in the game and choked Eskandarian. It is not known if the action was politically motivated.

Eskandarian is a Christian of Armenian extraction. He has not lived in Iran in two years and recently purchased a house in New Jersey. He is close to obtaining a green card that would allow him to remain in the United States and hopes to become a United States citizen within two years. His son was born in this country 10 months ago and is a citizen.

The easy-going Eskandarian, who plays for the Cosmos basketball team, claims no political ties to his homeland. He says sports and politics should not be mixed. He says he doesn't know the first thing about Ayatollah Khomeini.

Streets teem with life in genteel Amoy

AMOY, China, April 12 (P) — Mozart pours from wrought iron balconies and dimly lighted rooms in old Amoy where ragged laundry hangs to dry, children do their lessons and old women place offerings at shrines for the dead.

On one street back market Mozart mingles with a Taiwan love song and Italian cafe music as streams of young, and some very stylish, Communist Chinese take their time at shop windows.

Old Amoy is a genteel and dilapidated city where bands of genial youths cruise near late night food stands.

Foreign journalists often are followed on their nocturnal walks by anxious guides and officials who apparently want to keep them away from restricted military areas. Sometimes, however, it is possible to slip away and tour the once-great port city.

Even at its most decrepit, this city of more than 200,000 has a spontaneity and diversity that is lacking in major gray bastions like Peking.

"Hey, look at those foreigners with big noses," one youth said in Mandarin. A journalist responded that Chinese have noses, too.

"Yes," said the youth, "we Chinese have eyes, noses and mouths, but we're much better looking. You're so big and fat you're not good looking at all."

Near a fish market, a dancing party is in progress in an upper story apartment, behind blue shutters on a narrow street.

At 9 p.m. — long past the bedtime for most pekingese — cramped children's libraries are filled with young people who pay to read comic books and the *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*.

For 5 fen (3 U.S. cents), they can watch animated cartoon reels through Hong Kong-made hand-held viewers. They gasp at the exploits of Gandy Goose, Dinky Duck, Little Roquefort and Thor.

Pink paper ribbons, the remnants of the New Year celebration, are pasted on many thresholds. "Spring fullness enter herein," says one. Another contains a classical couplet: "Fragrant flowers and the songs of birds."

Street peddlers sell incense and paper flowers to burn before the pictures of ancestors — honored during the annual and just concluded Chang Ming festival for the dead.

Bani-Sadr will ask an unspecified international body to monitor the hostages' condition and assure the world they are being well treated because this should be done according to Islamic ethics, Garmaoui said.

Garmaoui said the ambassadors asked when the Americans, now in their 161st day of captivity, would be released. According to the spokesman, Bani-Sadr replied that no date could be set because the fate of the hostages is in the hands of the Iranian parliament, which has not yet been seated and is not expected to take up the issue before summer.

U.S. allies have balked at President Jimmy Carter's request that they match his trade embargo and diplomatic break with Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary regime. But leaders of the Common Market nations and Japan told their ambassadors to meet with Bani-Sadr, ask freedom for the hostages and return to their capitals to report on the Iranian response. It was not clear when the ambassadors might then return to Tehran.

White House Spokesman Jody Powell told Washington reporters that Carter is considering new measures designed to win freedom for the hostages, but that the next step would not involve military action.

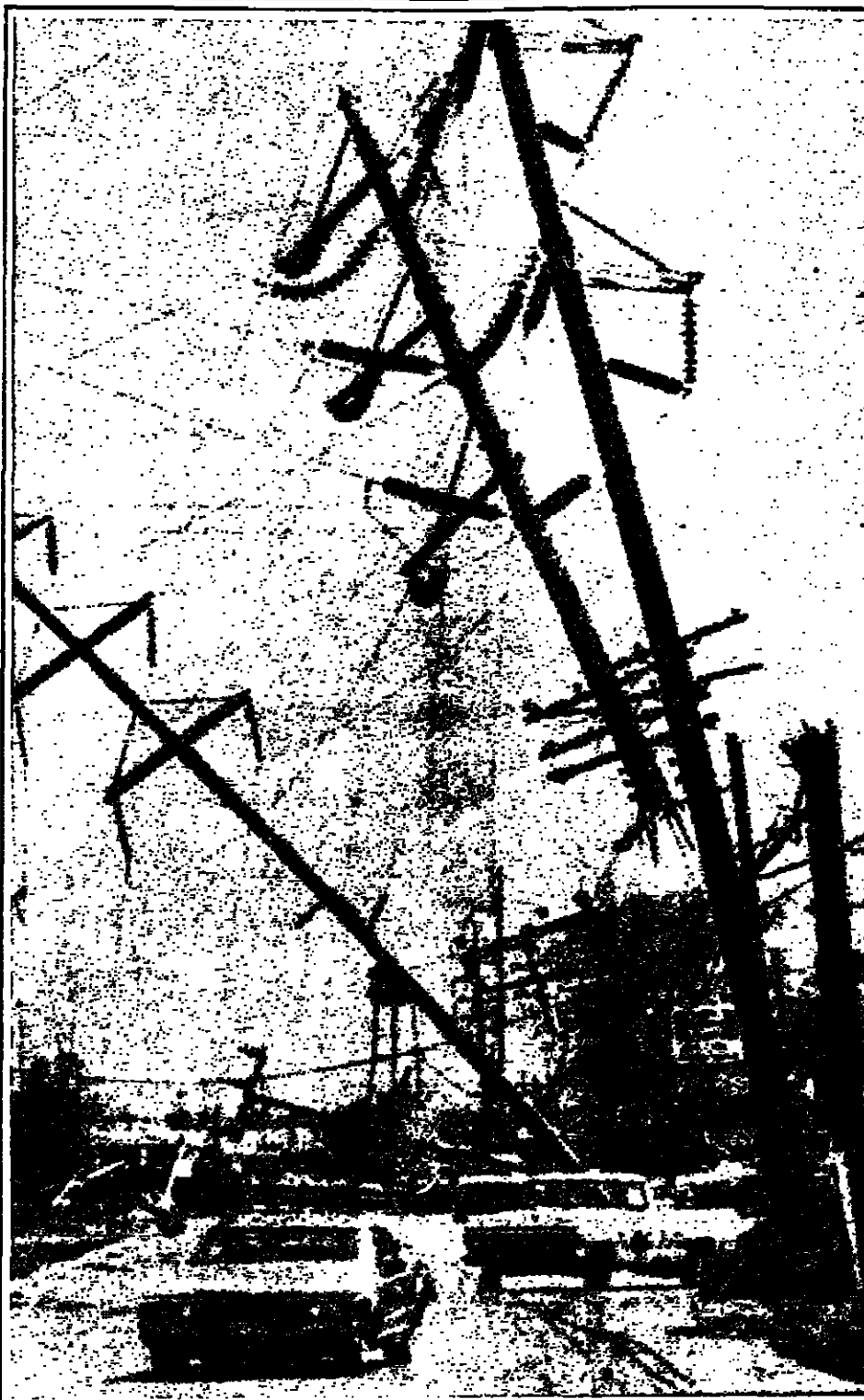
Iranians on Friday demonstrated their unity against the United States in massive rallies in Tehran and other Iranian cities. They also shouted slogans against neighboring Iraq, the Arab nation with which Iran is reportedly fighting border skirmishes.

Addressing a mass prayer meeting before the Tehran demonstration, Bani-Sadr warned America's oil-thirsty allies not to oppose Iran in its struggle with America.

"Not only shall we not give orders to governments which wish to attach themselves to America, but we shall not give them so much as snake's poison," he said, using a Persian idiom which means "less than nothing."

Prayer leader Hojatoleslam Khomeini delivered a stronger threat in Arabic. His message, apparently aimed at Iran's Arab neighbors, said:

"Those in whose veins Islamic blood is boiling, prepare and be ready for the crucial moment in which the Imam's (Khomeini's) order will be issued to the nation. And when the order comes, cut off the vein that carries the vital wealth which the West sucks, (then) stabs Islam in the heart."



TANGLE OF WIRES: High winds tangled utility wires in West Memphis, Arkansas, in recent storms across the southern United States. Authorities were at a loss to estimate the cost of damage.



OVER THE ALPS: Marco Broggi gives a thumbs-up sign in front of his motorized glider in Switzerland after crossing the Alps at Gotthard Pass. The 40-year-old aviator was the first man to perform the feat. He started at Altdorf and landed at Ambri-Plottia. The glider has a 15 horsepower engine.

Soccer Results

LONDON, April 12 (AP) — Both semifinals in the English Soccer Cup ended in draws Saturday and will have to be replayed.

Liverpool, going for the rare league and cup double, was held to a 0-0 tie by Arsenal at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield.

Second division West Ham got a 1-1 draw with Everton in a dramatic tussle at Villa Park Stadium, Birmingham. Brian Kirk, after sending Everton into the lead from a penalty, was off the field. Stuart Pearson leveled for West Ham.

The semifinals will be replayed Wednesday. In the league Manchester United hammered Tottenham Hotspur 4-1 and closed in two points behind Liverpool in the race for the title.

Saturday results:
English League
Division 1
Bristol City 2 Bolton 1
Crystal Palace 1 Leeds 0
Derby 2 Brighton 0
Ipswich 3 Coventry 0
Manchester United 4 Tottenham 3
Sheff Wed 1 Southampton 2

Wolverhampton	1	Manchester City	2
Barnley	1	Black Rovers	1
Chesham	2	Newcastle	1
Fulham	1	Birmingham	1
Leeds	0	Sheff Wed	0
Notts County	1	Walsley	2
Oldham	0	Canterbury	3
Preston	1	Chesham	1
Queens Park Rangers	1	Chesham	1
Sunderland	2	Canterbury	2
Swansea	1	Oxford	1
		Wrexham	0

York City	1	Northampton	2
Dundee United	1	St. Mirren	1
Aberdeen	1	Blackburn	1
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Sea rules to govern exploitation

News Analysis
By Anthony Goodman

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (R) — The United Nations Law of the Sea conference, after more than six years' intensive bargaining, has finally drawn within sight of its goal: an all-embracing set of rules governing use and exploitation of the world's oceans.

The final test could come this summer when representatives of some 150 countries that have just completed a five-week session in New York meet again in Geneva, from July 28 to August 29.

If they can stick to their self-imposed timetable, something they have rarely managed in the past, a sea law convention could be completed.

This would leave only a formal signing ceremony to be arranged some time next year in Caracas, where the conference, the most ambitious undertaking of its kind in diplomatic history, held its first substantive session in 1974.

Many delegates believe, however, that after the Geneva round, at least one additional session will be needed to solve remaining problems and come up with a final document.

The guiding philosophy behind the conference was spelled out in a 1970 General Assembly resolution which declared that the sea-bed and ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, including their resources, are the "common heritage of mankind."

Among the basic provisions of the proposed international convention are a 12-nautical mile territorial sea, over which states exercise sovereignty, and a 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ), in which they enjoy sovereignty for the purpose of exploiting and managing natural resources, including fish and minerals.

Where a state's continental shelf extends beyond 200 miles it will exercise similar rights over any non-living resources.

One of the achievements of the recent session was to draw closer to a definition of the boundary of the continental shelf.

A new body, called the International Sea Bed Authority, will be responsible for the sea bed beyond national jurisdiction — the area of the oceans to be developed for the benefit of mankind as a whole.

At stake are millions of tons of potato-shaped rocks scattered over the deepest ocean bottom and containing commercially exploitable cobalt, copper, manganese and nickel.

Much of the conference has been devoted to establishing a mining system for recovering these polymetallic nodules, often referred to as manganese nodules.

It is referred to as a "parallel system" because the International Sea Bed Authority, which is to regulate all mining, would be authorized both to conduct its own operations through an organ called the Enterprise, and to enable private and state ventures to contract for mining rights.

While the riches of the deep sea bed are regarded as belonging to all mankind, it is generally acknowledged that without the capital and technical resources of private companies there would be no ocean mining for many years to come.

The conference has, therefore, had to wrestle with many of the problems that have troubled relations between the industrialized countries of the northern hemisphere and the poorer countries of the southern half of the globe.

Many of the latter see the sea law convention as a step toward a long-sought new economic order.

Issues affecting deep sea mining that still remain to be settled include how to ensure that the sea bed authority will have access to the technology it needs while at the same time limiting the obligations of industrialized countries and their firms to transfer such technology.

Another knotty problem is how to ensure that sea bed mineral extraction does not harm land-based producers of the same minerals.

This and the question of financing the authority's mining arm, the Enterprise, have given rise to complex formulas on which agreement remains to be reached.

Arrangements for modifying the mining system, should there be dissatisfaction with it after some 20 years' experience, have not yet been settled.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

A newspaper comes of age when it reports and opinions are carried by other papers. This places on the paper certain responsibilities. Like a person growing up at last, a paper which reaches the stage when its word is taken on trust, leaves behind all childish ways, all public stunts, all manufactured "scoops."

This at least is the theory. The truth is that a newspaper is something else. Some papers never grow up. An old journalist I used to know in old Beirut had spent forty years in the business. He produced his own paper, literally. The staff were his own and one solitary compositor. His paper came out in the afternoon. And he did was cannibalize all the morning papers and there you are — an evening paper in its own right. The wonder is that people kept buying it, ensuring the gentleman a prosperous and peaceful life.

Another paper was so poor it could afford a photographer. One day it interviewed the important Lebanese politician Raymond Edde, but it had no picture of him. It had, however, a picture of his brother Emil, which it published next to the text over an apology declaring that it is indeed Mr. Edde's brother but that a reader can get the general idea of what Edde looks like. (Raymond, it added helpfully, is a bit thinner.)

That same paper had a constant internal debate over whether its selling point was its coverage of international or internal news. It finally found a formula to solve the problem without prejudice to either party. Its main headline for a long time ran something like "American Troops Cro into North Korea. Isiphan Isiphan Commits Suicide in Ashrafyah."

Even the more respectable papers in their own troubles. One day, a pay decided to send one of its journalists to cover an important pan-Arab meeting held at Algiers. The man took expenses and, stopping at the near supermarket for the best food and drink, went directly to his house. From there, he began issuing a stream of reports, interviews and predictions with plenty of background material. Many news agencies took up his stories gratefully — the meeting having been a particularly hard one to get into.

Then he was found out. Faced with evidence he did not crack up. He shrugged the whole thing away. "What do you expect? It's all newspaper talk anyway." Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

Sailor forsakes compass for stars to cross Atlantic

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April (AP) — A retired college professor and crew of three set sail for Africa on Friday using fewer navigational Aids than Christopher Columbus.

Marvin Creamer, 64, a former geography professor at Glassboro State College, said crew will depend only on their eyes, their hands and the stars to guide them to Azores, the Cape Verde Islands and finally Dakar, Senegal.

"We're going to try to find the Azores. They're out due east of Cape May (New Jersey) about 2,500 miles," the relaxed 64-year-old said as reporters and cameramen swarmed over his 39-foot sloop.

"Finding Dakar will be the easy part. I do you miss the coast of Africa?"

Creamer and his crew do not palm it navigational instruments, radios or clocks while the sloop *Navstar* is under way.

The aids, however, were put aboard the sloop in a sealed bag in case of emergency. Creamer hopes to prove it was possible ancient mariners to navigate accurately without instruments.

A special Coast Guard transmittal board will enable a satellite to pinpoint *Navstar*'s location every few hours, but sailors will not be able to receive information. Creamer and his crew plan to use charts, sunrises and sunsets, dead reckoning and the direction of ocean swells to estimate their location and course.

The *Navstar*'s crew includes Dr. Gibson, 65, a retired Cherry Hill, N.J., now living in Newagen, Maine. Gary I. 36, of Oman, a boatbuilder, and W. Nichols, 23, of Savannah, Georgia, maker.

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